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A Cherries win will spark true rivalry

Howe hoping upset will be start of duels

EDDIE Howe believes a genuine rivalry between Cherries and Saints would only be ignited by a victory for the Dorset club.

Regular combatants during their days together in the third flight in the 1950s, the clubs do battle at St Mary's on Sunday for the first time in the top flight.

And while Saints start the eagerly-awaited Premier League showdown as hot favourites, Cherries will be hoping to pull off a shock in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

Howe, who was at the helm when Cherries lost 2-0 at St Mary's in League One in 2010, said: "It is a new experience for us because since I have been here, I wouldn't say we have had any huge derbies and this hasn't been a regular fixture.

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Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe

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Howe hoping to build real rivalry with neighbours

FROM FRONT PAGE

"We played Southampton in League One a few years ago and that was a memorable game but this is in the Premier League so is totally different.

"From the players' perspective, I think they are looking forward to it and, from the fans' perspective, I am sure they are. We just want to do them proud.

"We used to play Yeovil in League One and League Two and although that was considered a derby, it wasn't akin to the Burnley-Blackburn or Portsmouth-Southampton rivalry.

"This fixture could turn into a decent rivalry due to the proximity of the two clubs, but I think we would need to build that with the games.

"If the games this season are of high intensity, close and of a high quality, I think the interest between two clubs would build.

"The fact it is on a Sunday and live on Sky will highlight the game even more in a showcase for the clubs.

"I am sure it will be well received by both sets of supporters. I

" think it would take for us to beat them in order for the rivalry to begin."

Howe, meanwhile, had words of praise for the job done at St Mary's by Saints manager Ronald Koeman who replaced Mauricio Pochettino in June 2014.

"I think he has been excellent for them," said Howe. "When you consider at the start of last season they sold a number of players and made a number of changes to the team.

"It is very difficult to be successful when you sell your best players, but Southampton have broken that mould and full credit to him for that because it is a brave man who has to rebuild a team and go a totally new way.

"But he has done it and largely with young players as well so I am full of admiration for that."

Mistakes have cost Cherries...

RONALD Koeman believes Bournemouth's style of play can bring them Premier League success, but warned that mistakes prove very costly in the Premier League.

The Saints boss admitted to carefully following the progress of the Cherries since the sides met in a pre-season friendly not long after Koeman had taken charge at St Mary's.

He was impressed that day by Eddie Howe's side and their passing philosophy, and watched closely as they won a fantastic promotion to the top flight.

The Cherries have brought the same approach into their Premier League life, but have been on the end of some poor results of late.

However, Koeman insists they do not need to abandon their style, rather try and cut out the individual errors which have cost them dearly.

He said: "They were punished by mistakes against (Manchester) City because City really had that kind of players they will punish you if you make mistakes.

"Tottenham starts very well 1-0 after one minute, penalty 1-1, and then a bit unlucky before half time 1-3, 1-4 and then the game is over against teams like Tottenham.

"They play better than their results.

"We like to do the same and until now we are successful with our way of playing, but you need also physical and defending and you know if you do that kind of mistakes you don't win because the Premier League is too strong, too good individual players and they will punish you for your mistakes."

In his first pre-season at the club Koeman also took Saints to the likes of Brighton and Swindon, but it was the way Howe had his side playing that impressed Koeman so much.

"After that friendly in that pre-season and we play also Brighton and Swindon at that time, and the difference was between Bournemouth at that pre-season the way how they try to play," recalled Koeman ahead of the first top flight meeting between the sides at St Mary's this weekend.

Ronald Koeman during last Wednesday's match

"They play football from the back, good ball possession, and to win them to be a Premier League club on that philosophy was very positive, very good.

"After that friendly you follow that team in the Championship because it's close to Southampton and it was a good feeling to have another team close to Southampton in the Premier League.

"There is not travelling, it is special to the fans and it's good to have a derby and I hope not only for this season."

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Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho

Defiant Mourinho expects to stay boss

A DEFIANT Jose Mourinho expects to continue as Chelsea boss after yet another defeat which he suggested hinged on an error by a referee.

After Liverpool inflicted the reigning Premier League champions' sixth loss in 11 games, Mourinho was once again fuming at perceived injustices against his side, notably referee Mark Clattenburg's decision not to show Liverpool's Lucas a second yellow card when the score was 1-1.

Two further strikes followed in Liverpool's 3-1 win which left Mourinho's side with one win in eight games and his job possibly in jeopardy.

Asked if he thought the game was his last as Chelsea boss, Mourinho said: ''No, I don't.''

Mourinho, who is subject of two ongoing Football Association disciplinary cases, said: "I can't express my feelings in any way at all.

"The fight goes on, but sometimes there are fights that are very impossible to win. You go to a fight with different ammunition. There are some fights that you cannot win.

"I can play against any team, I can play against any manager. My team can play against any team and win, lose, but more than this is difficult."

After a terse live television interview, Mourinho was initially asked his thoughts on the contest in the post-match media conference and declined to give them before bristling when asked how a side which cantered to the title in May had fallen off the pace so much.

Next he was asked about Lucas avoiding a second yellow for a foul on Ramires.

"What do you think? You are not punished by the FA. I'm punished if I tell you," he said.

"There are things that are out of our hands.

"Two minutes extra time (at the end of the first half), we concede the goal on two minutes 35 seconds.

"Then what happened in the second half everything is a consequence of some crucial moments.''

CAPTAIN VIC GROWING UP AS A SAINTS PLAYER

VICTOR Wanyama was given the honour of captaining Saints in midweek as recognition that he is "growing as a person in the team."

Wanyama led the Saints side out for the Capital One Cup fourth round tie against Aston Villa just 59 days after he was dropped from the squad to face Norwich after being deemed not mentally or physically fit enough to play by Ronald Koeman as he pushed for a transfer to Tottenham.

Saints refused to let Wanyama move to White Hart Lane but since then the powerhouse midfielder has knuckled down and been on consistent form for the side.

Koeman felt it was right to reward him for that effort in the victory over Villa.

He said: "We know have some players who can be captain of this team about experience, about personalities, and of course always to be a captain is for each player a special feeling.

"Kelvin (Davis) was not starting, Jose (Fonte) was not starting, and in my opinion we had two possibilities to be captain that day - Victor and Prowsey.

"It's good for Victor, for his personality, to be the captain.

"He is also growing as a person in the team, in the squad, and he knows he is an important player."

It is at least promising for Saints and their desire to hold onto Wanyama that he is showing leadership qualities.

Koeman was asked whether Wanyama is now settled at Saints and replied: "At the moment yes. You never know. It's good, he's happy at the moment.

"He had his problems in the preseason and we spoke about it and he put it back and he is what he did before for the club, working hard for the team."

The Villa win also marked a return to the Saints side for Gaston Ramirez.

The Uruguayan playmaker made his first start for the club in 18 months and impressed Koeman.

"I mentioned already and answered that question that at the moment he is physically strong, he has a period doing all the training sessions," explained the Saints manager.

"One of his problems was always a lot of injuries which dropped himself back with opportunities to play.

"He's doing well, working hard and it's good to have that competition with the front players.

"He is a technical, a creative, football player and every team needs those kind of players."

Victor Wanyama skippered Saints in midweek

City go top as Chelsea woes grow

A LATE Yaya Toure penalty kept Manchester City top of the Premier League table as Chelsea suffered their sixth defeat of a woeful title defence to increase the pressure on manager Jose Mourinho.

Ramires had fired Chelsea into an early lead but Liverpool hit back with a Philippe Coutinho brace and a Christian Benteke effort to record a 3-1 win at Stamford Bridge in Saturday's early kick-off.

Title favourites City were expected to ease past Norwich but Manuel Pellegrini's side were made to work for the three points, Toure converting a late penalty after Russell Martin was sent off for handball as City recorded a 2-1 victory.

Nicolas Otamendi headed the hosts ahead with his first goal for the club before Joe Hart dropped a cross at the feet of Cameron Jerome, who equalised from barely a yard out.

It looked like Alex Neil's side were set for an unlikely point only for Martin to handle Raheem Sterling's shot inside the box, picking up a red card and seeing Toure slam home the spot-kick with two minutes remaining.

Arsenal thought they had taken over at the summit having secured an impressive 3-0 victory at Swansea.

After a close first half, Olivier Giroud glanced home Alexis Sanchez's corner to score the Gunners 2,000th goal under Arsene Wenger.

Laurent Koscielny then doubled the visitors' advantage, with Swansea claiming goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski was fouled by the France defender.

Joel Campbell then made sure of the points by topping off his first Premier League start with a curling finish from inside the box.

City and Arsenal are now separated by goal difference while Leicester are third after again coming from behind to win 3-2 at West Brom - with Jamie Vardy on the scoresheet once more.

The Foxes went behind as Salomon Rondon scored for the second game in succession but Claudio Ranieri's men have shown plenty of fight this season and a Riyad Mahrez brace put them in front before Vardy scored for the eighth Premier League game running - with only Daniel Sturridge and Ruud van Nistelrooy having done so in the past.

The visitors hung on for the win to remain unbeaten on the road despite Rickie Lambert's late penalty.

Leicester replace Manchester United in third as Louis van Gaal's side were held to a 0-0 draw at Crystal Palace.

The Red Devils have not scored in over five hours and a Wayne Rooney free-kick was their only effort on target as they were lucky to leave Selhurst Park with a point.

West Ham also lost ground on the leaders after losing on the road for the first time under Slaven Bilic - going down 2-0 at Watford and finishing with 10 men.

The Hammers recalled Andy Carroll lost possession in his own box, with Nathan Ake crossing for Odion Ighalo to bundle home, and the Nigeria international helped himself to a seventh goal of the campaign.

West Ham's Enner Valencia hit the woodwork but, when James Collins was sent off late on, the points were wrapped up for Quique Sanchez Flores' side.

Jack Butland again showed he can provide stiff competition for Roy Hodgson's number one with a superb display in Stoke's 0-0 draw at Newcastle.

Steve McLaren's side created the better chances but Aleksandar Mitrovic hit the post in the first half before Butland twice saved well from Moussa Sissoko and kept out Jamaal Lascelles' late header.

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Non league FOOTBALL

Winchester go out of trophy after visitors battle back...

Weymouth end hosts' campaign in the first round

Winchester City 1
Weymouth 2

WEYMOUTH overturned a half-time deficit to bundle Winchester City out of the FA Trophy at the first qualifying round stage.

Warren Bentley forced home for his 27th goal of a prolific season to give the hosts a real chance of springing an upset on a side one division above them, *writes* ***Paul McNamara***

Southern Premier League outfit Weymouth had player-manager Jason Matthews to thank for keeping their deficit at one, before launching their fightback straight after the interval.

Dean Evans levelled matters in the 46th minute, before Jordan Copp provided the decisive blow on a night when the home team's efforts merited a replay, at least.

Matthews was first called into action when Jamie Barron's touch setup Adam Roberts for a strike that the visiting stopper turned around his right post.

Rob Flooks headed a Barron corner over the top and, and although the away side had enjoyed plenty of possession, it was City looking the more threatening whenever they raided forward.

Bentley drew a fine save from Matthews', the keeper sprawling down to his left to keep out the forward's curling effort.

On 31 minutes, however Bentley had his goal. Dan Cann sent in a deep cross from the left, and Bentley pounced to bundle the ball in – despite the visitors furiously claiming that it hadn't crossed the line.

Home number 1 Brendon Norris dived to his left to beat out Copp's thumping free-kick while, at the other end, Bentley skied his opportunistic shot.

Matthews then sprang from his goal to save with his legs from Zach Glasspool, while the 'keeper was less troubled 30 seconds later by the attacker's point-blank header.

The Terras went into the interval nursing a sense of injustice, though, after Jamie Thoroughgood appeared to have handled in the box.

The second-half was a minute old when Stewart Yetton managed to squeeze a pass forward on the right side of the box for the advancing Evans to crash his finish underneath Norris and level the scores.

As City looked to respond, Bentley nodded across the area for Glasspool, who looked to have outsmarted the already prone Matthews. The former Eastleigh stopper's terrific reactions won the day, though, as he clawed away the home striker's prodded shot.

The winning goal came when Yetton laid the ball off for Adam Kelly to intelligently slip a pass right for Copp, who applied a thundering right-footed finish into the roof of the net.

The last of the goalmouth action saw Copp a bar's width from extending the Terras' advantage with a blistering 25-yard strike.

City left-back Dan King received a second yellow card right on a full time whistle that signalled the end of Winchester's FA Trophy campaign.

Prolific: Warren Bentley.

Solent sunk by former Saint Matt

FORMER Saints trainee Matt Huxley sent Team Solent spinning out of the FA Vase with a late winner to give Cadbury Heath a 3-2 victory at Test Park.

Huxley hit a hat-trick when the sides drew 3-3 in the early stages of last season's competition and was Solent's nemesis once again, scoring two of his side's goals, writes Mike Vimpany.

Team Solent were on a run of seven straight wins and probably fancied their chances of avenging last autumn's replay defeat – but were generally below par in a first round tie which produced a glut of chances.

Top scorer Jesse Waller-Lassen was Solent's main threat and it was his low ball in which enabled Mark Jordan to give Solent a 17th minute lead.

But Solent's joy was short-lived.

Looking anything but secure in defence they soon leaked an equaliser with some slack marking allowing Lucas Harte the chance to put the Bristol visitors level.

Huxley then missed a gift chance to put Cadbury Heath ahead – hitting the near upright and then slicing the rebound across the face of an open goal.

But for goalkeeper Tom Drewitt's outstretched legs, Jordan – possibly playing his last game for Solent before moving to work in London – might have restored Solent's lead.

Instead, it was Cadbury Heath who took a 32nd minute header by Huxley into the half-time break, with a near post header from George Boon's cross.

Solent player/manager James Taylor came off the bench in an attempt to beef up his side's attack, but it was the visitors who continued to pose the greater threat, with the hosts desperate to clear a mess created by Jamie Horgan, who wriggled his way in from the right.

It remained tit for tat for most of the second half – until Waller-Lassen displayed some superb skills on the right-hand by-line to cut the ball back for George Black to rifle Solent level.

Huxley missed a gift chance to win it for Cadbury Heath, but in the last minute of normal time he snatched the game's winner.

Cadbury broke down a Solent attack and burst down the left flank through George Boon, who teed up a perfect opportunity for Huxley to make it 3-2.

Non league FOOTBALL

Spitfires hit back to stretch unbeaten run to five games

EASTLEIGH extended their unbeaten run to five league and cup games under new manager Chris Todd this afternoon.

But it required a much-improved second-half performance by the Spitfires to see off lowly FC Halifax Town 2-1 in front of a 1,890 Silverlake Stadium crowd.

The Spitfires made two changes from the FA Cup win at Bromley, bringing in Ross Lafayette and pacy new signing Matty Fanimo for Jai Reason and Jack Midson., Top scorer James Constable returned to the bench after suspension, but there was no Lee Cook due to shoulder problems.

Eastleigh opened sloppily against a Halifax side dogged with the league's worst away record and without a clean sheet for 28 games, allowing the visitors to dominate all the early play.

There was nothing to rouse the home crowd until the 11th minute when Ross Lafayette burst forward at pace from the halfway line. He swapped passes with Yemi Odubade before laying the ball back to Josh Payne whose shot slammed against the Shaymen's Nicky Wroe, sparking shouts for handball which were ignored by referee Adam Hopkins.

That apart it was a strangely lacklustre start by Chris Todd's men and, inevitably they paid the price as the second-to-bottom visitors snatched a 15th-minute lead.

They seemed to have escaped when, after a neat sequence of Halifax passing, Spitfires keeper Ross Flitney did well to parry Sam Walker's angled blast from the left. But the ball went straight to KINGSLEY JAMES who planted it into the far corner.

Straight from the kick-off Payne set Lafayette away down the left and keeper Matthew Glennon saved bravely at the striker's feet as he powered into the box.

That was followed by the Spitfires' first real glimpse of quality on 22 minutes when the fleet-footed Fanimo showed good skill on the byline and dug out a cross which defender Jamie Turley headed over.

As Eastleigh began to impose themselves, Lafayette rolled an effort just wide of the keeper's right-hand post after a positive run by Dan Harding and then the tall No9 couldn't quite capitalise on Fanimo's low ball into the six-yard box.

Odubade then scampered onto a long ball forward, but lost his balance, allowing Nat Brown to dispossess him, before Ben Strevens headed over another Fanimo cross.

New signing Matty Fanimo (right) provided pace and an assist for Eastleigh

Shortly before half-time referee Hopkins had to bow out injured and was replaced by one of his assistants while the fourth official took over lineman's duties.

After such an indifferent first half, Eastleigh could only get better after the break and they emerged from the dressing room with more hunger about them.

Three minutes in they were back on terms thanks to an ice-cool finish from Andy Drury.

A promising attack involving Lafayette broke down, but the Spitfires kept the ball alive, Fanimo delivered from the left and ex-Luton man DRURY showed superb control before slotting it away.

With Constable replacing Lafeyette on 56 minutes, the Spitfires stepped things up even more and the Halifax defence suddenly found themselves under siege.

As the hour mark approached Payne sent Constable through on goal and his fierce strike was parried by the diving Glennon. The ball broke loose, but went just behind Fanimo who was being closely marked.

Fanimo then forced a strong save by Glennon at his near post after more good work by sub Constable before Payne curved an excellent effort narrowly wide from distance.

Payne deserved something for his second-half endeavours and his reward came when he headed the Spitfires in front with 70 minutes gone, by which time Midson had replaced Fanimo.

Again the danger came from the left with Odubade flighting the ball in and PAYNE rising to head home from close range just in front of teammate Midson.

Halifax, though, looked far from done and home keeper Ross Flitney and Joe Partington each took knocks in the line of duty and Turley made a vital block as the visitors pressed for an equaliser.

There were worrying moments in the 89th minute when sub Shaun Tuton found space on the left of the area and it needed a vital hand by Flitney to turn his shot away with Odubade finally getting it behind for a corner.

After dealing with a succession of flag kicks, Eastleigh kept the tension going by conceding two late free kicks. Both Walker deliveries ended up at the feet of Nicky Wroe, but he had one blast blocked by Strevens and sent the other over.

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SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Sorry Cherries fans, it is not a real rivalry ...

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH
BY DAREN WHEELER

THIS is it! This is the big one!

The game that everyone has been waiting for…

If you're a Bournemouth fan, that is.

After much anticipation, Bournemouth finally get to play their most hated rivals in a Premier League game.. Well, I suppose it would that big of a deal if a) we were actually rivals or b) actually cared.

For me, this "derby" game has snuck up on the railings unobserved.

It would appear to be the same with Bournemouth fans as news filtered through to BS Towers that the Cherries hadn't even sold out their allocation for the game.

That pretty much told us where this local derby is in terms of great British rivalries.

It's nowhere.

For even the most hardened Saints fan, this is just another game, another three points to be fought for and hopefully won.

Whilst the "hardcore" Bournemouth fans will continually tug on your shirt and tell you you're a "scummer", it's no more than a Yorkshire Terrier humping your leg as you casually flick your leg to get away from it.

Now if the tone of this article is condescending, well it is.

But it's not meant to be, because I actually, honestly, respect Bournemouth.

Here is a club that has had the most horrendous of times over the last 20 years.

Points deducted, transfer embargos, relegation after relegation and yet here they are, in the top flight for the first time ever.

If ever a football club deserved that moment in the sun then it really is AFC Bournemouth.

A good friend of mine, Dan Taylor, recently reported back to BS Towers that he'd done a corporate day out at Portsmouth.

To most us that represents a can of Aldi's best imported lager and a spread from Iceland, but for Dan it was more than that.

It was him being proudly informed by his hosts that Portsmouth FC were…. debt free.

Now, bearing in mind my total praise of AFC Bournemouth, does the phrase "debt free" somewhat rankle with you?

AFC Bournemouth deserve our respect because they, like us, have always sought to do the right thing, no matter how hard that right thing is.

Pompey's rise hurt more because we all knew that not only were they buying that success, they were buying it with Wonga money.

Bournemouth suffered more than most; for them to now be playing Premier League football is, in all honesty, one of the greatest footballing success stories ever.

Ours was great, theirs was greater because it wasn't helped by a billionaire, a great stadium and the best academy set up in Britain.

Former Saints keeper Artur Boruc

Their achievement is the polar opposite to Pompey's, success built on hard work with no short cuts. Their place in the sun is very much deserved.

When you look at it, all of the south coast's big players have struggled over the last 20 years or so. Bournemouth and Saints suffered relegations and financial woes, Brighton took an eternity to find a home and Pompey's troubles are well documented and multiple.

It begs the question, why?

The south coast is surely wealthier than our northern counterparts and yet all of our football clubs have struggled.

With Saints it was down to ineptitude, various chairmen for whom the word incompetent would be viewed as a compliment.

Reverse takeovers, side takeovers, front takeovers; Southampton football club was bedevilled for years with poor management.

That filtered through to the team management and for years we had the most ridiculous and uninspiring first team coaches.

When Ronald Koeman came to Saints there was such incredulity amongst the fans that the news of his appointment almost came through in total silence.

The single greatest managerial appointment in the club's history, for no other reason than he was so highly rated before he came to Saints.

Portsmouth? What more can I say about them? Other than I am cursed that the club I despise more than any other is my club's fiercest rival.

Anything I say about their many, many indiscretions is always immediately written off as me being a "bitter scummer".

I won't waste my breath talking about them anymore.

But in Bournemouth, like Saints, you have a club that struggled and probably struggled more by doing the right thing.

You can argue that, again like Saints, they benefited from a sudden cash injection but it should never deflect from what has been an astonishing rise to the top.

They may very well go straight back down.

Tottenham aren't that much better than Saints and yet they eased past the Cherries, aided in no small measure by Artur Boruc's ridiculous goalkeeping.

Bournemouth will struggle, they may well fail, but their journey is one to be savoured.

On the home front, Wednesday's win against Villa sets up a mouth-watering quarter final game against Liverpool.

The Villa tie was a massive banana skin; with Man Utd, Chelsea and Arsenal out of the cup, to the more cynical of us, it was a game the Saints of old would have lost.

How many times have you seen a cup tournament open up only to see Saints throw away any chance of winning it with a shambolic performance?

This was a huge step in the right direction.

The quarter final game is massive.

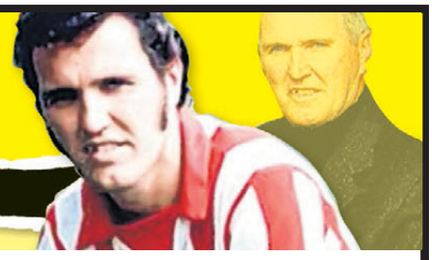
Win it and not only do you have a semi-final but you also close a door on a period of our history most of us would like to forget and move on from.

Beat Liverpool and your Adam Lallanas, Dejan Lovrens and Nathaniel Clynes are things of the past.

Win that game and the ideas of Saints being Liverpool's feeder club will be forgotten. Win that game, and we can finally march on…

Paine's World

The Saints legend's EXCLUSIVE column on all things football



World is not out to get Mourinho and Chelsea

IT'S amazing how often in football a defining strength becomes a fatal weakness.

It is like when a hit US comedy runs three seasons more than it should and eventually manifests into a caricature of itself, lost in a world of pretentious in-jokes.

Whether that's the reality or simply my perception in the hope more poetic and theoretical analysis remains open to debate

But take Arsenal, for instance; they've been the best attacking side throughout English football during the Premier League era, yet that devotion to ambitious forward play has been as much a curse as a blessing since their last league title in 2004.

There are parallels with Chelsea, albeit at the opposite end of the spectrum, amid their miraculous slump in form.

The Blues endured their eighth defeat of the season this week, losing to 10-man Stoke City in a Capital One Cup penalty shootout, and are already eleven points behind Manchester City in the league. Their title defence is already over.

The Chelsea philosophy has become too predictable and is counter-intuitively beginning to energise their opponents.

Last term, their pragmatic approach of defensive resilience combined with moments of individual attacking brilliance led to 26 Premier League wins; this season, the Blues' reluctance to dominate, particularly with the ball, is increasing the confidence of those they face.

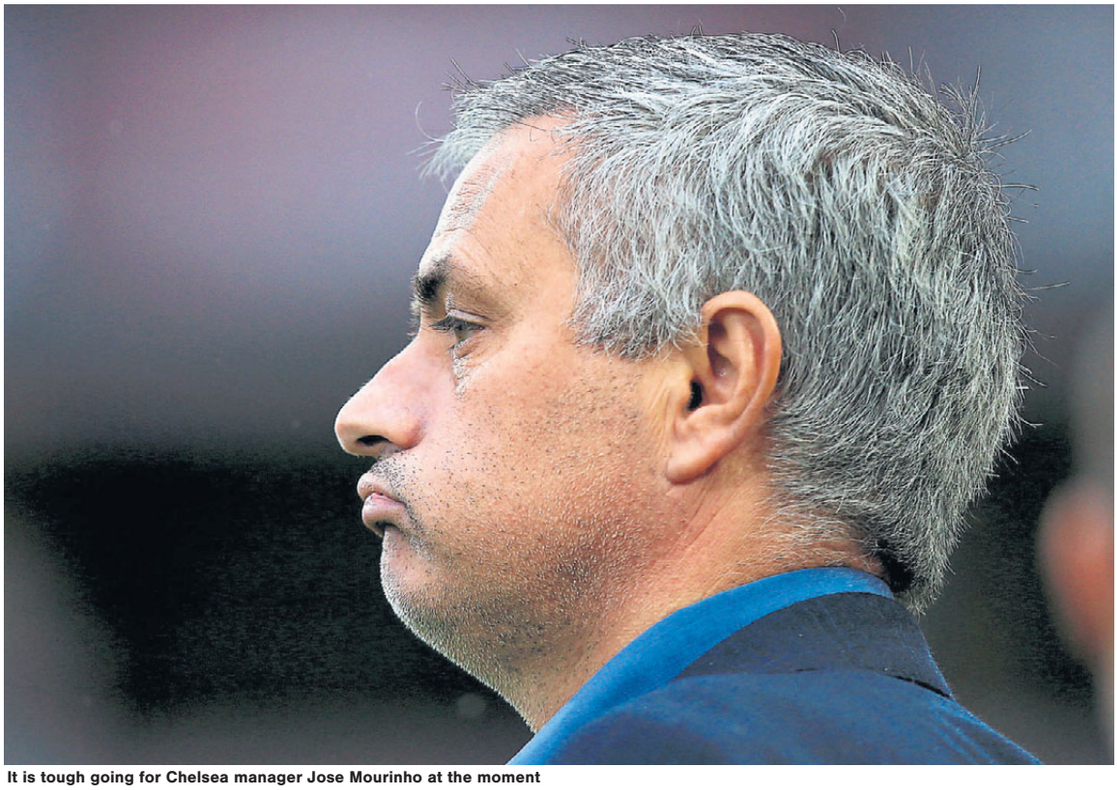
Rather than it seeming inevitable the west Londoners will come out on top in tight-knit encounters, that self-assurance has suddenly swung to the opposition.

But perhaps more crucial than what's actually taking place on the pitch as a consequence of philosophical ideals is the mentality at Stamford Bridge right now.

Jose Mourinho has made a career from propagandising himself and his sides as the besieged underdogs, declaring it's not only the other team Chelsea must overcome but also the rest of the Premier League, the media, the injustices of the Football Association, conspiratorial refereeing decisions, Arsene Wenger and pretty much any other group or individual who could potentially act against the club's interests.

The approach has some clear advantages; it increases solidarity amongst the players and the fans, it facilitates Mourinho's sides to set up in an overtly defensive manner without seeming unjustifiably negative and it allows the Portuguese to smoke screen every underwhelming result by quite simply blaming it on somebody else.

Last season it worked a treat, as it has for much of Mourinho's trophy laden career. But right now, the idea of Chelsea vs The World is causing more problems than it solves, portraying a paranoid club losing control and its grip on reality.



It is tough going for Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho at the moment

Certainly, select refereeing decisions have gone against Chelsea this season, whilst lady luck appears to have abandoned them in recent weeks.

But the world is not against Mourinho or Chelsea, 32 out of 40 BBC pundits backed them to become the Premier League's first title retainers since 2009 in August and countless have argued against the club sacking the Portuguese in recent weeks.

The truth is that Mourinho has many admirers when he's not enduring one of his insufferable moods and the mess Chelsea currently find themselves in is, on the most part, self-created.

Blaming referee decisions is a phenomena I like to call the 'Neil Warnock margin', due to the former Sheffield United and Crystal Palace manager's ability to somehow attribute every defeat to a wrongly awarded throw-in or equally innocuous decision.

Yes, it is true that split-second decisions can decide certain games.

But if you're relying on the referee to make every call correctly, which is a task seemingly beyond officials working in the Premier League, then you've not done enough to put the game beyond doubt and in my opinion, you don't have much to complain about – especially over a sample of 15 games when every other team is operating under the same circumstances.

Other incidents too have contributed to the perception of a paranoid Mourinho losing control – the Eva Carneiro scandal, John Terry's half-time substitution against Manchester City, the seven-minute rant after losing to Southampton – and it's beginning to filter into the performances of those around him, typified by a five-minute meltdown during the 2-1 defeat to West Ham.

A marginal offside call went against Chelsea in the 42nd minute; by half-time, Nemanja Matic, assistant manager Silvino Louro and Jose Mourinho had all been sent off by referee Jon Moss.

It's hard to tell where Mourinho goes from here, because he's a proud man.

He can't simply hold a press conference and tell the world he was wrong about Carneiro, Terry, Hazard, anyone else he's dropped and the countless refereeing decisions he's protested against this season, just as he can't admit he's created an identity of paranoia through his relentless skirmishes with the FA.

But clearly, the mentality of 'one of us or one of them' must change at Stamford Bridge. It's becoming increasingly unhealthy and self-perpetuating – the last thing the Blues need right now is more enemies, be they imagined or genuine.

It's too simplistic to claim Mourinho should start accepting the blame for Chelsea's poor form because deep down he obviously does, but finally broadcasting that publicly might break the cycle of paranoia, conspiracy and misfortune the Premier League champions currently find themselves in.

SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2015/16

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JULY															
Thurs 30 Vitesse (EL) . . . . . .H	**W 3-0**	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Soares	Targett	S Davis	**Tadic+ 1**	Wanyama	Clasie*	Mane=	**Pelle 1**	**Long+ 1**	Juanmi*	Reed=
AUGUST															
Thurs 6 Vitesse (EL) . . . .A	**W 2-0**	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Martina	Caulker	S Davis=	Tadic+	Wanyama	Ward-Prowse	**Mane**	**Pelle* 1**	Jaunmi+	Rodriguez*	Reed=
Sun 9 Newcastle . . . . . .A	**D 2-2**	Stekelenburg	Targett	Fonte	Soares+	Yoshida	S Davis	Rodriguez*	Wanyama	Tadic	Mane	**Pelle 1**	Martina+	**Long* 1**	
Sat 15 Everton . . . . . .H	**L 0-3**	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	S Davis=	Long*	Wanyama	Tadic+	Mane	Pelle	Romeu+	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse=
Thurs 20 Midtjylland (EL) . . .H	**D 1-1**	Stekelenburg	Caulker	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	Ward-Prowse*	Wanyama	**Rodriguez+ 1**	Mane	Pelle	Long+	Juanmi*	
Sun 23 Watford . . . . . .A	**D 0-0**	Stekelenburg	Caulker	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis*	Wanyama	Soares	Mane+	Pelle=	Long+	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez=
Thurs 27 Midtjylland (EL) . . . . .A	**L0-1**	Stekelenburg	Caulker+	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis=	Martina	Ward-Prowse	Rodriguez*	Pelle	Tadic+	Long*	Juanmi=
Sun 30 Norwich (1.30pm) . . .H	**W 3-0**	Stekelenburg	Soares+	Fonte	Targett	Yoshida	Romeu	S Davis+	**Tadic 2**	Ward-Prowse	Mane=	**Pelle 1**	Rodriguez+	Martina*	Jaunmi=
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 12 WBA (3pm) . . . . . .A	**D 0-0**	Stekelenburg	Soares*	Fonte	Targett	Van Dijk	Rodriguez+	Wanyama	Tadic	Ward-Prowse	S Davis	Pelle	Mane+	Yoshida*	
Sun 20 Man Utd (4pm) . . . . . .H	**L 2-3**	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Fonte	Targett+	Van Dijk	Wanyama	Romeu*	Tadic	W-Prowse=	Mane	**Pelle 2**	Martina+	S Davis*	Long=
Tues 23 MK Dons (LC 3rd) . . . . .A	**W 6-0**	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Targett+	Van Dijk=	S Davis	Romeu	**Rodriguez 2**	Juanmi	**Mane* 2**	**Long 2**	Bertrand+	Ramirez*	Yoshida=
Sat 26 Swansea (3pm) . . . . . .H	**W 3-1**	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Bertrand	**Van Dijk 1**	Wanyama	W-Prowse	**Mane 1=**	S Davis+	**Tadic* 1**	Pelle	Romeu+	Rodriguez*	Juanmi=
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Sat 17 Leicester (3pm) . . . . . .H	**D 2-2**	K Davis	Soares+	**Fonte 1**	**Van Dijk 1**	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Davis*	W-Prowse	Mane	Tadic=	Pelle	Yoshida+	Clasie*	Rodriguez=
Sun 25 Liverpool (4.15pm) . . . . .A	**D 1-1**	Stekelenburg	Soares	Fonte	Van Dijk	Bertrand	Wanyama	Clasie*	**Mane 1**	S Davis=	Tadic+	Pelle	W-Prowse+	Juanmi*	Ramirez=
Weds 28 Aston Villa (LC 4) . . . . .H	**W 2-1**	Stekelenburg	Yoshida	Caulker	Van Dijk	Targett	Wanyama	Romeu	W-Prowse	Juanmi*	Ramirez+	Pelle	S Davis+	Tadic*	
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Sun 15 Crystal Palace (3pm) . . . .H															

Saints fans in good spirits outside St MAry's prior to Wednesday's League Cup victory over Aston Villa.

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
FRASER FORSTER	0	0	0	0	37	0
KELVIN DAVIS	1	0	0	0	299(2)	0
M STEKELENBURG	8	0	5	0	13	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	20(1)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	5(3)	0	4(1)	0	74(10)	2
JOSE FONTE	9	1	5	0	235(5)	14
CEDRIC SOARES	8	0	2	0	10	0
RYAN BERTRAND	3	0	0(1)	0	41(2)	2
FLORIN GARDOS	0	0	0	0	11(6)	0
MATT TARGETT	6	0	4	0	18(4)	0
CUCO MARTINA	0(3)	0	2	0	2(3)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JASON MCCARTHY	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
STEVEN CAULKER	1	0	3	0	4	0
STEVEN DAVIS	8(1)	1	4	0	105(22)	7
HARRISON REED	0	0	0(2)	0	7(13)	0
VICTOR WANYAMA	8	0	3	0	63(10)	3
LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0	0	2(4)	0
SAM MCQUEEN	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
JORDY CLASIE	0(1)	0	1	0	1(1)	0
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	5(3)	0	3	0	59(42)	2
DOMINIC GAPE	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
DUSAN TADIC	8	3	2(1)	1	39(9)	9

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
SADIO MANE	8(1)	2	4	3	38(7)	15
GASTON RAMIREZ	0	0	0(1)	0	27(24)	8
JAY RODRIGUEZ	2(6)	0	3(1)	3	64(24)	29
GRAZIANO PELLE	9	5	4	2	55(2)	23
SHANE LONG	1(3)	1	1(3)	3	23(24)	11
RYAN SEAGER	0	0	0	0	0(2)	0
ORIOL ROMEU	4(2)	0	3	0	7(2)	0
JUANMI	0(2)	0	1(4)	0	1(6)	0
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	0	0	3(16)	1
VIRGIL VAN DIJK	5	2	1	0	6	2

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Adam Rant

The week's big talking points with ADAM LEITCH

Quirky rivalry yet to spark into life

Cherries' visit could change derby status

IT'S THE derby that's not really a derby.

Well, it is a derby for one team, but not really for another.

Well, it kind of is a derby in terms of geography, but not really in terms of history.

Well, actually for one side it is the big one, for the other it isn't.

Hope that has cleared it up.

This weekend sees the first top flight meeting between Saints and Bournemouth, and there is a weird atmosphere surrounding the game.

For Bournemouth, it seems this is massive occasion.

For Saints, it is just another important home game to win.

It is a really strange thing when one club views it is an intense rivalry and the other is fairly ambivalent.

You see it in other places too, such as the north east where Newcastle and Sunderland are fierce rivals, and then there is Middlesbrough as the spare part. Their fans of course want a rival, but it's not the same.

We have the same down here.

Everybody knows that Saints and Portsmouth are the big rivals.

The rivalry between the two clubs almost spills over into downright hatred, sadly.

Despite many other parts of the country thinking their rivalries are the fiercest, Adam Rant continually tells people that this one is as tense and as big as it gets.

It is of paramount importance for both sets of fans.

Bournemouth are the spare cog in all of this.

It is historical of course, and down the years also the Cherries have been the small sibling of the south coast family, dwarfed by the size, support and achievements of Saints and Pompey.

Now though, the upstart has made it to the Premier League, and find themselves playing Saints at the very top table of English football.

Pompey, meanwhile, languish in the bottom tier.

Most Saints fans are surprised when they first go to a game between Saints and Cherries, which has normally been reserved for pre-season friendlies, at just how vitriolic elements of the Bournemouth support are towards their neighbours.

Elements of their fan base really feel this is the big rivalry.

For Saints though this is small fry compared to Pompey. They don't see any rivalry with Cherries.

Indeed, they actually generally cheer for them and wish them well.

It has created an odd build-up to this game, especially with the first meeting at St Mary's.

There is a real sense that it is just business as usual at St Mary's, not unlike it was before Leicester visited, or Aston Villa.

For Cherries this is huge in the sense they have wanted a top flight derby with Saints for so long.

It will be fascinating to see how the atmosphere translates into the stadium and whether it is a special derby day, or just business as usual.

Eddie Howe celebrates the promotion that has set up this weekend's derby with Saints

Koeman's headache

AN INTERESTING little dilemma for Ronald Koeman is around the corner in the Capital One Cup.

It's exactly the sort you want as a manager, but you also need to get it right.

Koeman had exactly the sort of night he would have been hoping for as Saints beat Aston Villa in the fourth round at St Mary's.

He made seven changes to the team, thus keeping most of the Premier League regulars fit and fresh, and also handing game time and chances to squad members.

It says a lot about the depth Saints have added to their squad that he was able to do that this season and still name a very strong, senior side – and that without the suspended Sadio Mane and the injured duo of Jay Rodriguez and Shane Long, and have plenty enough to beat another Premier League side.

Now though they are into the quarter-finals and face Liverpool at home.

With a Wembley final just two wins away, a rare piece of silverware becoming visible on the horizon, and against a team that are sure to take it seriously as Jurgen Klopp will be acutely aware how big it would be for him to win a trophy in his first season, Koeman has a dilemma.

He would ideally like to repeat the Villa trick.

To do that though for a game of this magnitude would be a risk.

Saints were much improved in the second half against Villa but in the first that lack of match sharpness, and cohesion given the players on display are not playing together regularly as a team, was an issue.

Against a poor Villa side they got away with it. Against a motivated first choice Liverpool outfit they may not.

But then again with no reserve team these days players need to play at some point.

Koeman will have to get his thinking cap on.

Ronald Koeman

They played for Saints and the Cherries

HAVING spent most of their histories apart from each other in the football pyramid, Saints and Bournemouth's less intense rivalry has seen a number of players share allegiances.

The Cherries received a vast number of Saints loan players in particular during the 2000s under the management of Sean O'Driscoll, with the St. Mary's side basking in the riches of the Premier League and Bournemouth languishing in the lower divisions.

Here, Danny Maiorca looks at some of those who have appeared for both:

TED MCDOUGALL (BOURNEMOUTH 1969-1972, 1978-1980; SOUTHAMPTON 1976-1978)

Adored for his extraordinary goal record at Dean Court, McDougall netted 103 goals in 146 appearances for the Cherries during his first spell between 1969 and 1972.

He netted 23 goals in his first season at The Dell, 1976/77.

He had a second spell at Bournemouth after leaving Southampton and despite not being as prolific as his first stint was, he still

Ted MacDougall

found the net another 16 times.

STEPHEN BAKER (SOUTHAMPTON 1979-1988; BOURNEMOUTH 1991)

Baker was at the Saints for nine years, making 89 appearances in all competitions.

The defender had a brief loan at Burnley in 1984, and joined the Cherries on non-contract terms in August 1991 where he featured on seven occasions.

LEE BARNARD (SOUTHAMPTON 2010-2014, BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 2012-13)

A prolific spell at Southend saw the Saints purchase the former Tottenham forward in January 2010.

After featuring heavily in League One, the striker fell out-of-favour after promotion and was sent on loan to Bournemouth in 2012.

He scored on his debut for Paul Groves' side- a header in a 1-1 draw at Fratton Park on the opening day of the 2012/13 season.

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Prodigal son Drew

HE is a familiar face among Saints fans, and this Sunday will see Andrew Surman return to St. Mary's for the first time since he departed in 2009.

After starting his career at Southampton's centre of excellence, he left six years ago in order for the funds for his transfer to keep his cash-strapped employers afloat, ***writes DANNY MAIORCA.***

Having left as a boy, he is coming back as a man and has since been a part of two promotion-winning teams and been given to play international football at senior level.

Interestingly, they are the only of his former permanent sides he has yet to face in spite of the south coast outfit experiencing the biggest shifts out of the trio.

Saints v Sheffield United last Championship game of the season. Andrew Surman on lap of honour (44172572)

Andrew Surman, Staplewood, for magazine feature (44172569)

Unexpected

The midfielder was born 8,026 miles away in South Africa, but his football journey started on a late winter morning in Bitterne on 4th March 2002.

Aged just 15, a young boy named Andrew was informed by St. Mary's College that he would be in the Saints' reserve squad for their fixture away at Chelsea that evening.

It was during that game where he made his bow, when he came off the bench to replace Matthew Le Tissier.

That was a moment that must have been surreal to the schoolboy. Le Tiss was his favourite Saint from the day he first visited The Dell; the forward scored a hat-trick against Nottingham Forest on that day in 1995, just before Surman celebrated his ninth birthday.

He was the second-youngest debutant for the reserve side behind Wayne Talkes until Theo Walcott eclipsed his record two years later.

Breakthrough

It would be four years before he would make his full debut for the first team when he would feature in a goalless draw at home to Crystal Palace in the Championship on a midweek night in January 2006, at the age of 19.

The teenager had spent the beginning of the 2005/06 season in the third tier with Walsall before temporarily joining the Saints' opponents this Sunday, where he played 24 times and found the net on six occasions.

That game against the Eagles proved to be the catalyst his breakthrough: the Johannesburg-born youngster went on to play 12 more times for George Burley's men during the second half of that campaign.

Surman also scored in his second appearance for the second-tier side, striking in a 2-1 defeat against Plymouth Argyle the following week.

He became an important cog in the centre of the park the following year, which saw the Saints reach the semi-finals of the play-offs.

Despite scoring a fantastic goal in the first leg against Derby County at St Mary's, the 20-year-old was unable to prevent the Rams from progressing and ultimately winning promotion.

Sold

"Drew", as he is known by supporters and friends alike, remained a regular in two seasons of struggle that proceeded.

But with his boyhood heroes facing liquidation in 2009, the creative midfielder was sold to then Premier League club Wolverhampton Wanderers in a deal worth £1.3 million.

The transfer worked for the south coast side who were kept afloat but

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set for first return

Bournemouth's Andrew Surman celebrates after the final whistle during the Sky Bet Championship match at Dean Court, Bournemouth. PRESS ASSOCIATION Photo. Picture date: Monday April 27, 2015. See PA story SOCCER

Saints V Stoke - Andrew Surman goal celebration (44172574)

things weren't as rosy for Surman, who was chosen in the starting line-up only three times by manager Mick McCarthy before being sold to Championship side Norwich the following summer.

Injury couldn't stop the former Saints man from playing a sizeable part in the Suffolk club's second-placed finish which sealed back-to-back promotions - something the club he supported as a child would emulate the following season.

Although his impressive form during his first two years in East Anglia prompted the country where had lived the first eight years of his life to offer him the opportunity to represent them at international level, Surman declined to concentrate on club and family.

Speaking to the ***Bournemouth Echo*** earlier this year, the former England under-21 international insisted this is a decision he is "happy with" and does not "regret making."

Surman was a regular when the newly-promoted side achieved a comfortable mid-table finish in the top division, and had proven himself as a player who could shine in glitz and glamour of the Premier League.

Having played 25 times in the Canaries' first top-flight campaign for seven seasons, manager Paul Lambert opted for a change in formation which saw him fall out-of-favour and make just four league appearances the following year.

Return

The England under-21 international returned to the South Coast in July 2013, after the Cherries agreed a season-long loan deal having just been promoted from League One.

He signed permanently the following year having been a huge success at Dean Court, and played in all but five league fixtures for Eddie Howe's side last term as they secured a historic promotion to the top flight and won the title in the season's final minute.

That meant that the midfield man had won two promotions from the second tier with separate clubs, along with almost doing likewise with the side where he spent the majority of his youth career.

Now aged 29 with a wife and three children, the St. Mary's youth product has matured significantly as a person and footballer since leaving and featured in all 10 of his side's league matches so far, yet to miss a minute.

His team are struggling near the foot of the table - having conceded ten goals in their last two league games - but he will be delighted to finally have the chance to play regular football in the world's richest league again after a couple of seasons rebuilding his career.

Although he and the club where it all started out for him have moved significantly since they parted company, Sunday will be the first time the pair have been reunited with the South African moving up and down just ahead of Southampton's progress.

With the stupendous success enjoyed by academy graduates such as Luke Shaw and Adam Lallana since his sale to Wolves, it can only be imagined what Surman and Saints could have achieved together had his sale not been forced.

● Surman made 116 league starts for Saints plus another 17 off the bench.

In all, he has made 316 league appearances - of which 38 have come as a sub. In league and cup action, he has made 345 competitive appearances and scored 18 goals.

Three of those came in one game for Saints against Barnsley in February 2007.

He completed what remains his only senior hat-trick from the penalty spot in the 90th minute, as Saints twice came from behind to beat the Tykes 5-2.

They played for Saints and the Cherries

JIMMY CASE (SOUTHAMPTON 1985-1991, BOURNEMOUTH 1991-1992)

Part of Liverpool's famous side in the 1970s, midfielder Case was a key figure in the Saints' Division One sides during his six years at The Dell.

He then moved on to join future Harry Redknapp in the Third Division. It was the first time he had played at that level in his whole career, helping the Cherries to an eight-place finish.

DAVID ARMSTRONG (SOUTHAMPTON 1981-1987; BOURNEMOUTH 1987-1988)

Armstrong played over 200 times in Saints' midfield.

He gained a reputation for scoring goals from midfield during his time at The Dell, netting 15 league goals in 1981/82 and totalling 59 over his six seasons.

His prowess in the centre of the park also won him Player of the Season in the year his side ran Liverpool so close to the title.

Armstrong joined Bournemouth at the end of 1986/87, but made just nine

Jimmy Case in action for Saints in the 1980s

appearances due to injury.

ADAM LALLANA (SOUTHAMPTON 2000-2014; BOURNEMOUTH 2007 LOAN)

Lallana was picked from the Cherries' youth academy in 2000, before re-joining on loan in 2007 when he made three appearances.

He was a key part of the Saints' midfield for six seasons - from 2008/09 to the end of the 2013/14 campaign.

He was vital in back-to-back promotions from League One and the Championship and left St. Mary's with a total of 48 goals in 235 games.

The Cherries received £4 million from the 26-year-old's £25 million move to Merseyside.

TONY FUNNELL (SOUTHAMPTON 1977-79; BOURNEMOUTH 1981-1983)

Funnell only played 17 times during his two years at Saints, but scored at Leyton Orient to effectively seal promotion to Division One in 1978.

He also played a part in a promotion for the Cherries too, netting 16 goals in the 1981/82 season to help them get out of Division Four.

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JACK CORK (BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 2006-2007; SOUTHAMPTON 2011-2015)

Cork played seven games under Kevin Bond in the 2006/2007 season- his first taste of professional football.

Cork signed for Saints on loan from Chelsea in 2008/09, making 23 appearances before spending the second half of that campaign with Watford.

Joining the Saints permanently at the beginning of 2011/12, Cork played all 46 games in a promotion-winning season.

After featuring 28 times each in the following two seasons, the 26-year-old fell down the pecking order and joined Swansea City in January 2015.

JIMMY GABRIEL (SOUTHAMPTON 1967-1972; BOURNEMOUTH 1972-74)

Making 223 appearances for Saints during his five years at the club, Gabriel could play up front as well as in the centre of defence.

The Scotsman, who won two caps for

Jack Cork had two spells at Saints after a loan period at Cherries

his country, featured 53 times in the league during his two seasons at Bournemouth along with successful spells at Everton which saw him win the FA Cup.

IVAN GOLAC (SOUTHAMPTON 1978-1982, 1983-1986; BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 1982)

The Croatian full back made 140 appearances in his first spell at The Dell, and became the first "foreigner" to appear at Wembley during the 1979 League Cup Final.

Golac also played nine times on-loan at the Cherries in 1982, and returned for a second stint with the Saints in 1984.

PHIL KITE (SOUTHAMPTON 1984-1987; BOURNEMOUTH 1989-1990

Kite made 11 appearances in goal for the Saints and Bournemouth combined during his respective spells at the clubs. He retired from his physio role at Bristol Rovers earlier this year.

The colourful life

FLAMBOYANT and controversial goalkeeper Artur Boruc is one of two former Saints stars who will return to St. Mary's with AFC Bournemouth for this Sunday's Premier League encounter.

Bringing a wealth of experience which included Champions League and World Cup appearances to shore up a shaky back four when he arrived at the club on a free transfer in 2012, Boruc's time at Saints was one which was eventful and relatively successful.

Adored by his supporters and the nemesis of others, the extravagant Pole is one who divides opinions straight down the middle, ***writes DANNY MAIORCA.***

It will be the first time the former Celtic and Fiorentina stopper has faced the club he left on-loan last season, before joining the newly-promoted Dorset side permanently in summer 2015.

Artur Boruc is dispossessed by Oliver Giroud at The Emirates in November 2013.

Artur Boruc saves a penalty from Grant Holt in the final stages of Saints' game at Norwich in March 2013.

Established

Establishing himself as his club's first-choice goalkeeper during the second half of the 2002/03 Ekstaklasa season, Boruc played in 11 of Legia Warsaw's last 12 games but could only help the Polish side to a fourth place finish.

His debut for the Polish national team came the following year. Aged 25 at the time he joined Scottish club Celtic on-loan in October 2005 before signing permanently after impressing in Glasgow.

He also represented his nation at the 2006 World Cup and Euro 2008, but his side were knocked out in the group stage of both tournaments.

The 88kg stopper was a key figure in the Celtic back four when Gordon Strachan's men won three consecutive Scottish Premier League titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

He also helped the Glasgow side into the knockout phase of the 2006/07 Champions League, saving Louis Saha's penalty in a 1-0 win against Sir Alex Ferguson's Manchester United at Celtic Park.

After a spell at Fiorentina, he moved to the Saints after his contract ended.

He recovered from a troubled start to help the newly-promoted side to safety, with a last-minute penalty save in the goalless draw at Norwich City being one of his most vital contributions.

Boruc remained a key figure in the Southampton defence the following year which saw the side finish eighth under the management of Mauricio Pochettino.

But he lost his place as the first choice No 1 after the signing of Fraser Forster from former club Celtic in the summer of 2014.

That saw the Poland goalkeeper move to Dean Court on loan to provide additional shelter at the back, and he was vital in the Cherries' run to the Championship crown.

Boruc appeared in 37 games for the Dorset club, and only suffered defeat on four occasions. They didn't lose any of his first 16 league games between the sticks.

That prompted the recently-promoted outfit to acquire his services on a permanent basis following his release from the Saints.

Controversial

The goalkeeper became popular among Saints supporters, but it is fair to say he did not make the best first impression when he threw a water bottle towards Saints supporters during a 2-1 home defeat against Tottenham Hotspur in November 2012.

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& times of Boruc

Artur Boruc makes a timely stop from Tottenham's Jermain Defoe at White Hart Lane in April 2013.

Artur Boruc fails to stop a shot from Gylfi Sigurdsson as Spurs complete their recovery from 0-2 down in March

His actions - during what was his home debut - sparked an internal investigation, one which led to the new signing being dropped for its duration by former manager Nigel Adkins.

The Siedlce-born 'keeper cited racist abuse from fans as the reason behind his volatile response, thus did not regret his actions.

Artur also became a cult hero at Parkhead, and is remembered in Scotland in particular for a number of incidents during Old Firm derbies with Glasgow Rangers.

Known as the "Holy Goalie" by Hoops supporters, he gained the nickname following an incident in February 2006 when he was accused of making gestures which provoked outrage among home supporters at Ibrox.

He is a devout Roman Catholic, and the actions of blessing himself sparked a police investigation which resulted in a warning for a breach of peace rather than his religious practice.

The Pole made himself even more popular with 'Gers supporters in May 2007, when he unveiled a "Champions" flag at the home of Celtic's fiercest rivals, before making an offensive gesture at Hibernian supporters later that year.

The vibrant 35-year-old rubber stamped villain status among Rangers supporters with a "God bless the Pope" T-shirt in a 3-2 victory at the end of the 2007/08 season, along with refusing to shake the hands of Rangers players during the same campaign and making the same one-fingered gesture at Bluenoses fans during a 4-2 loss in 2008.

Errors

Although excellent for the Saints most of the time during his one-and-a-half-year stint as first-choice, Boruc has been known to be responsible for bloopers on more than one occasion.

His most famous one during his time at St. Mary's by far came at the Emirates Stadium against Arsenal in November 2013, when under no pressure whatsoever attempted Johan Cruyuff's famous skill move- the turn.

It backfired, and French striker Olivier Giroud dispossessed him to give Arsene Wenger's side the lead in a game they ran out 2-0 victors.

His home debut against Spurs produced a blunder as well as the fan altercation. Clint Dempsey's soft goal put the North Londoners two goals to the good; they ended up winning 2-1.

It would be safe to say that Tottenham are not one of the Bournemouth goalkeeper's favourite opponents.

He has come under scrutiny in the past week after his horror show last Sunday, where he was responsible for three goals in a 5-1 mauling.

His time in Scotland was not error free, either.

In the same game he was caught sticking his middle finger in the direction of Rangers supporters, Boruc allowed Daniel Cousin's shot from a tight angle to squeeze past him before dropping a cross at the feet of Kenny Miller.

The year before, he was at fault for two goals against Hibernian at Easter Road as the Edinburgh side picked up a 3-2 victory against the champions.

Much-travelled and a frequent figure in the news, Boruc's 18 months at St. Mary's was one of a quiet nature in comparison to his stints elsewhere.

But he might be denied a start at his former stomping ground, depending on how Cherries manager Eddie Howe assesses last weekend's nightmare performance.

Boruc has appeared in nine of his

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SCOTT MCDONALD (SOUTHAMPTON 2001-2002; BOURNEMOUTH 2002 LOAN)

Things didn't work out for the Aussie on the south coast, making just two substitute appearances and netting once in eight games for the Cherries.

He made his name in Scotland with Motherwell and Celtic, scoring in the Old Firm Derby at Ibrox and the winner against AC Milan in the Champions League.

MARTIN CRAINIE (SOUTHAMPTON 2004-2007; BOURNEMOUTH 2004 LOAN)

The central defender began his career on the South Coast, and joined the Cherries on a short loan deal in 2004.

He made 16 appearances for the Saints and after rejecting a new deal in 2007, he left to join arch-rivals Portsmouth.

Now aged 29, the former Barnsley centre-half is currently playing for Huddersfield Town in the Championship.

Martin Cranie had a loan spell at Cherries while at St Mary's

MATTHEW MILLS (SOUTHAMPTON 2003-2006; BOURNEMOUTH 2005 LOAN)

The central defender made just three appearances during his time at St. Mary's, before joining Manchester City in 2006 for £250,000.

Sandwiched in between was a loan spell in League One with this weekend's opponents, where he scored twice in 13 appearances.

He is now plying his trade in the Championship with Nottingham Forest after temporary spells at Doncaster Rovers, Coventry City and Colchester United along with permanent stints with Reading, Leicester City and Bolton Wanderers.

MARTIN MCGRATH (SOUTHAMPTON 1979-80; BOURNEMOUTH 1980-81)

After one outing as a sub against Leeds in 1980, McGrath played 22 times for the Cherries and now sells the Scuba toothbrush brand in Normandy, France.

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RYAN DOBLE (SOUTHAMPTON 2008-2012, BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 2011)

Striker Doble failed to make a single appearance for Saints during his four years at St. Mary's, but featured on seven occasions for their rivals.

He is currently playing for AFC Telford in non-league.

ALEX PEARCE (BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 2007-2008; SOUTHAMPTON LOAN 2008-09)

The central defender played nine times for the Saints during the 2008/09 season and scored twice, including a goal on his debut at Preston in November 2008.

He also made 11 appearances on-loan at Dean Court in the 2007/08 campaign.

JOHN FLOOD (SOUTHAMPTON 1952-58, BOURNEMOUTH 1958-59)

Spending six years at The Dell, Flood

Alex Pearce played for Saints and the Cherries

played over 100 games for the Saints before leaving for Bournemouth in 1959. He featured 17 times for the Cherries in the 1958/59 season, before making a solitary appearance for Headington United- now known as Oxford United.

BRIAN BEDFORD (SOUTHAMPTON 1955-56, BOURNEMOUTH 1956-59)

Striker Bedford played just five times for Saints, scoring two goals. He then moved onto Bournemouth, where 32 goals in 75 games earner him a move to QPR. He scored 161 times in 258 games at Loftus Road between 1959 and 1965.

NICHOLAS BIGNALL (BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 2010-11; SOUTHAMPTON LOAN 2010)

Bignall found himself having two temporary spells on the south coast during 2010/11. Making just three sub appearances for the Saints, he then scored scored once in five games at Cherries. He is now playing for Gainsborough Trinity in the Conference North.

South coast derby

SOME regard it as a rivalry; others see it as just any ordinary league fixture.

It is hardly surprising Saints fans do not see it as intense as their enmity with Portsmouth – they have only faced the Cherries on 16 occasions in the league throughout their 130-year history.

The last meeting between the two sides came during Southampton's promotion season from League One in 2010/11, running out 3-1 winners in March 2011 against Lee Bradbury's side at Dean Court.

Both have enjoyed a rapid rise to the top flight, and here Danny Mairoca looks back at all of their divisional battles.

25th December 1953: Bournemouth 3 Saints 1

Known as Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic at the time, the Cherries won the first-ever Division Three (South) encounter on Christmas Day in 1953.

The Saints went 2-0 down in the first half thanks to goals from Drummond and Fidler, before Roy Williams pulled one back for the away side.

Gaynor wrapped up an extra Christmas present for Cherries fans 20 minutes before the end.

26th December 1953: Saints 2 Bournemouth 1

Just one day after their first league face-off, the South Coast duo locked horns at the Dell and this time it was Southampton who came out victorious.

Johnny Walker's 86th-minute winner added to his earlier strike which had put the hosts ahead, before Fidler had levelled for the away side.

The Saints finished sixth and remained in the Southern section of the Third Division for another campaign, while Bournemouth came through their struggles to finish 19th.

29th January 1955: Saints 0 Bournemouth 0

The Saints enjoyed a much better season this time around but were unable to win promotion, finishing third.

George Roughton's side lost just once at home during the entire campaign, with this goalless affair one that would not live in the memory for long.

20th April 1955: Bournemouth 1 Saints 1

Southampton's results away from home cost them dearly, and they were left kicking themselves after they failed to secure victory at Dean Court.

Despite Derek Reeves giving them the lead with just six minutes left, Fidler again proved to be the Saints' bane and his 89th-minute strike saw them rescue a point.

1st October 1955: Bournemouth 1 Saints 3

Aerial action between Saints and Cherries at The Dell in 1959.

Action from Saints' game against Cherries in 1953 at The Dell.

Under the new management of Ted Bates, the Saints endured a mediocre mid-table finish and operating loss of £10,000.

During darker times where the playing squad were forced to take wage cuts and Fred Turner died from leukaemia aged just 25, this win gave fans some reason to be cheerful.

Tommy Mulgrew and Reeves gave Bates' side a 2-0 advantage at the break, before Harrison threatened a Bournemouth comeback when he netted with seven minutes left.

Reeves clinched the points in stoppage time to move his side up to 17th.

11th February 1956: Saints 3 Bournemouth 2

This was the first-ever double completed by either side, and it came in an entertaining game at

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such a rare event

Saints score one of their seven goals against Cherries in October 1957.

Saints on the attack again during their 7-0 win against Cherries in 1957.

the Dell.

Having gone a goal down thanks to Newsham's strike for the visitors, Day and a double from Mulgrew completely turned the game on its head.

Clayton pulled one back late on but despite losing six points to their rivals, the Cherries still finished four points clear of their opponents.

18th August 1956: Saints 0 Bournemouth 0

A much-improved Southampton finished in a creditable fourth, with this three-goal victory setting them on their way.

Reeves put the home side ahead after 31 minutes, before Bob McLaughlin and Jimmy Shields rounded off a blistering start to the season for their side.

15th December 1956: Bournemouth 1 Saints 0

Bournemouth enjoyed another solid season and finished fifth, two points behind their foes.

An unexciting and gritty affair was settled with 14 minutes to go, with Cutler bundling the ball home to perfectly sum up the contest.

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JAMIE REDKNAPP (BOURNEMOUTH 1989-1991; SOUTHAMPTON 2005)

Redknapp began his career at Bournemouth and was handed his debut by his father, Harry in 1989.

After over 200 appearances for Liverpool and a spell troubled by injuries at Tottenham Hotspur, he re-joined his dad at the Saints in 2005 but was forced to retire due to injury problems.

ANDREW SURMAN (SOUTHAMPTON 2004-2009; BOURNEMOUTH 2013-PRESENT)

Another product of the Saints' youth academy, Surman featured over 100 times between 2006 and 2009.

He played on 40 occasions in the 2006/07 season, which saw George Burley's men reach the Championship play-offs where they lost to eventual winners Derby County. He scored in the second leg at Pride Park.

After winning two promotions in a row with Norwich City, Surman initially joined Eddie Howe's side on-loan and after a successful 2013/14 campaign, was signed permanently.

Andrew Surman celebrates Saints staying up in 2008.

The South African appeared 41 times for the Dorset side last season, forming part of a successful midfield which won his team the Championship title.

DANNY SEABORNE (SOUTHAMPTON 2009-12; BOURNEMOUTH LOAN 2013)

Seaborne played 44 times during his time at St. Mary's but was released in 2013 having had a temporary spell with Eddie Howe's side earlier that year.

Seaborne now plies his trade in Scotland with Partick Thistle.

TONY SEALY (SOUTHAMPTON 1977-79; BOURNEMOUTH 1987 LOAN)

The much-travelled forward scored 0 times in seven games for the Saints, before netting twice for Bournemouth in 1987.

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Recalling Saints v

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5th October 1957: Saints 7 Bournemouth 0

Another season in Division Three that failed to result in success provided some memorable moments for Saints fans, including this seven-goal drubbing in October.

Brian Clifton's double put the hosts 2-0 up, before the floodgates opened. Reeves made it three shortly after half-time, before Johnny Walker and John Hoskins helped themselves a double each to complete the rout.

15th February 1958: Bournemouth 5 Saints 2

The Cherries avenged their October mauling in style, putting five past Bates' helpless outfit.

Don Roper and Dean Court's nemesis Reeves overturned the home side's early opener, but two from Cutler and another from Bedford put the game beyond doubt.

Hampson added a fifth and having looked on-course for victory, it quickly turned into a miserable day for the men from the Dell.

11th October 1958: Bournemouth 2 Saints 1

1958/59 was a season of regression for Bates' squad and results like this were a major contributor to their downfall.

Burgess' double for the home side was the difference, with his second winning the game with five minutes left.

Hoskins had earlier levelled for the away team, but it wasn't enough to come away with a share of the spoils.

28th February 1959: Saints 0 Bournemouth 0

Another match summing up the Saints' season- zero goals and shooting accuracy described by a local reporter as "atrocious".

24th February 1960: Saints 4 Bournemouth 3

The Saints finally escaped from the Third Division as championsthis was one of the most memorable games of a remarkable campaign.

Southampton twice took the lead through Clifton and George O'Brien, only to be pegged back both times by Bumstead and Southern.

A second from Clifton and strike from Reeves saw the home side pull away and despite Smith's 88th-minute goal, they held on for a valuable win.

The contrast from the previous term was clear to see: one supporter described the match as "cracking".

2nd October 2010: Saints 2 Bournemouth 0

The duo didn't face each other in the league for another 50 years, but finally went head-to-head following Bournemouth's promotion from League Two.

Rickie Lambert goal celebration after netting at Dean Court in March 2011.

Rickie Lambert scores Saints' final goal direct from a free kick in their 3-1 win at Cherries in March 2011.

Their first-ever meeting at St. Mary's was settled within 55 minutes, with Rickie Lambert hitting twice from the penalty spot.

12th March 2011: Bournemouth 1 Saints 3

The visiting side took a huge stride towards automatic promotion with a victory at Dean Court that proved to be comfortable in the end.

Lauri Dalla Valle gave Bradbury's side an early lead, but they were hit back just five minutes later by Lee Barnard.

Dean Hammond put Adkins' outfit 2-1 up with 20 left on the clock, before Lambert's stunning free-kick sealed the three points to move Southampton above the Cherries into fourth.

Sunday will see Saints and

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COLIN CLARKE (SOUTHAMPTON 1986-89; BOURNEMOUTH 1985-86, LOAN 1988)

A £400,000 signing from Redknapp's Bournemouth, Clarke played 98 times and scored on 39 occasions for Southampton and rejoined the Cherries on-loan briefly in December 1988.

Having netted 26 times in 46 matches during his first spell at the club, he scored two in four during his short return.

GEORGE LAWRENCE (SOUTHAMPTON 1980-1982, 1985-1987; BOURNEMOUTH 1989-1992)

Laurence returned to The Dell for a second spell in 1985 after spending three years at Oxford United, and scored 11 times in 70 outings.

After two years at Millwall, he opted to return to the South Coast and featured 75 times for the Cherries, but could not stop them from being relegated to the Third Division in 1990.

He had separate spells in Malta and Finland before retirement, along with a season at bitter rivals Portsmouth in

Jo Tessem played for Cherries towards the end of his career

1993.

WAYNE TALKES (SOUTHAMPTON 1971-74; BOURNEMOUTH 1974-75)

Talkes played seven times for the Saints, before having to retire from the professional game after sustaining a knee injury at Bournemouth in 1974.

Following his setback, he had a spell at AFC Totton and a player-coach stint with Brockenhurst.

JO TESSEM (SOUTHAMPTON 1999-2004; BOURNEMOUTH 2008)

The Norwegian midfielder played 110 times for the Saints and is currently involved locally with Totton and Eling.

He joined Bournemouth on a short-term deal in 2008, but following relegation to League Two was not offered a contract due to the club's financial instability.

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Cherries derbies

Dean Hammond slides in to score for Saints at Dean Court in March 2011.

Bundle! Dean Hammond's goal celebration at Dean Court as Saints take another step towards League 1 promotion.

Bournemouth lock horns for the first time since March 2011, when Southampton recorded a 3-1 victory at Dean Court in League One.

It proved to be a vital win for Nigel Adkins' side, who won automatic promotion at the end of the season.

The Cherries laboured to a sixth-place finish after being around the top two for much of the season, losing to Huddersfield Town in the play-offs.

Here, Danny Maiorca looks at where the Saints squad tha day are now:

Nigel Adkins - Manager

After guiding the St. Mary's side to consecutive promotions, Adkins was sacked in 2012/13 before Championship outfit Reading dismissed him last season. The 50-year-old is back in League One, with Sheffield United.

Kelvin Davis- Goalkeeper . Still at Saints, Davis now plays a bit-part role as backup goalkeeper.

Dan Harding- Defender. After three years at Nottingham Forest which included a loan with Millwall, Harding now plays locally in the conference at Eastleigh.

Jose Fonte - Defender. The Saints captain remains a mainstay in the back four. Capped seven times for Portugal, Fonte recently signed a new three-year deal at the club.

Danny Butterfield - Defender. Butterfield plays in League Two with Exeter City, where he has been since 2013.

Radhi Jaidi - Defender. Jaidi retired in 2012, but has stayed at Southampton since in a backroom role and is the U21 side's assistant coach.

Dean Hammond - Midfielder. After winning another promotion to the top flight with Leicester City after leaving St. Mary's, Hammond is reunited with former boss Adkins at Bramall Lane.

Adam Lallana - Midfielder. A fans' favourite during his time on the south coast, Lallana joined Liverpool for £25 million at the start of the 2014/15 season following 14 years at Southampton. He represented England at the 2014 World Cup.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain - Midfielder. Since leaving the Saints in 2011, Oxlade-Chamberlain has made over 100 appearances for Arsenal and been capped 25 times for the Three Lions.

Richard Chaplow - Midfielder. Following a temporary and permanent stints at Millwall and a loan with Ipswich Town in the Championship, Chaplow plays for Doncaster Rovers in the third tier.

Rickie Lambert - Striker. Earning a £4 million move alongside Lallana to his boyhood heroes in 2014, things did not work out at Anfield and Lambert joined West Bromwich Albion last summer. The 33-year-old has played on 11 occasions for England.

Lee Barnard- Striker . Loans at Bournemouth and Oldham in League One before rejoining former side Southend in League Two ensued after Saints reached the Premier League, along with another temporary spell in the fourth tier with Stevenage last term. He now plays in that division for Crawley Town.

Dan Seaborne- Defender. Plays for Scottish Premiership side Partick Thistle after spells with Charlton Athletic, Yeovil Town and Coventry City.

Frazer Richardson- Defender. Aged 33, Richardson is in the Championship with Rotherham United after playing for Middlesbrough and a temporary spell with Ipswich.

Oscar Gobern- Midfielder. After leaving Huddersfield at the end of his contract in July, Gobern signed a one-year deal with Queens Park Rangers. He is now on-loan at Doncaster.

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PHIL BOYER (BOURNEMOUTH 1970-1974, SOUTHAMPTON 1977-1980)

Having played over 100 times for York City with McDougall, who he would then partner at two other clubs, Boyer made the move to Dean Court in a move worth £20,000.

He found the net 46 times in 140 appearances, before a three-year spell at Norwich City. He was reunited with his Scottish strike partner from York at The Dell, and he scored 48 times in 149 matches during a three-year stint.

Capped once for England, Boyer finished his career in non-league with Grantham Town.

LEON BEST (SOUTHAMPTON 2004-2007; BOURNEMOUTH 2006 LOAN)

Best scored four times in 15 games for the Saints between 2004 and 2007, but couldn't nail down a regular first-team place at St. Mary's.

He also scored three times in the same number of appearances during a loan spell at the Cherries, and has since played for a host of clubs both on-loan and permanently.

Phil Boyer joined Saints in 1977 after a good spell with Cherries.

The Republic of Ireland international was released by Blackburn Rovers in 2015 having played on just 13 occasions in three years, along with having loan spells at Derby County and Brighton and Hove Albion last season where he failed to find the back of the net.

JAKE THOMSON (SOUTHAMPTON 2008-10; BOURNEMOUTH 2009 LOAN)

Thomson was turned away by his boyhood heroes Portsmouth but failed to make the grade at the Saints after they had shown interest.

He had a loan spell in 2009 with the Cherries, and now plays for Bognor Regis.

KENWYNE JONES (SOUTHAMPTON 2004-2007; BOURNEMOUTH 2015 LOAN)

The big Trinidadian forward scored 14 league goals for the Saints in the 2006/07 season, helping them to reach the Championship play-offs.

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Remarkable story

SAINTS and Bournemouth clash on Sunday to herald the start of what both clubs will hope is an enduring Premier League rivalry.

Chiefly responsible for engineering this first-ever top-flight meeting between these south coast foes is Eddie Howe, ***writes PAUL McNAMARA.***

Formerly a classy centre-half for the Cherries, Howe was a callow 31-year-old when he was handed the caretaker managerial reigns at Dean Court.

And the stark predicament confronting the green new boss would have been daunting enough for a man with a wealth of experience to draw on.

Jimmy Quinn, who had brought Howe back to Dean Court to work as a youth coach, lost his job as Bournemouth boss on New Year's Eve 2008.

The call immediately went out to Howe, asking him to instigate the revival of a side that was sitting, forlorn, 23rd in League Two.

Labouring under a 17-point deduction, the Cherries were seven points adrift of safety, having completed half of their league campaign.

Adding to the sense of hopelessness that was engulfing the club at the time, Bournemouth were only being kept off the base of the Football League by a team whose points column was in deficit.

Luton Town, on -1, were desperately – and, ultimately, fruitlessly – attempting to recover from the swingeing 30-point penalty they had received for multiple off-pitch misdemeanours.

And there was no sense that Howe was going to prove to the manner born when his temporary spell failed to turn the tide, the Cherries losing at Darlington and Rotherham on their first outings under Quinn's replacement.

The rot, it appeared, had set in.

Now separated by ten points from 22nd placed Grimsby Town, Bournemouth were surely bound for back-to-back relegations – and, consequently, the loss of the league status that they had held for 86 years.

Indeed, even an effort akin to the previous year's gallant failure to avoid the drop out of League One appeared a futile hope.

Kevin Bond's side had spent that 2007/2008 campaign fighting to keep their heads above water, when they fell victim to a 10-point penalty after the club entered administration.

The punishment, which was imposed by the FA in February 2008, actually served as a galvanising force for the Cherries.

Bond's team compiled a staggering six-match winning streak as the season reached its climax.

A draw at Carlisle on the final day, however, wasn't enough to prevent Bournemouth plummeting into League Two, courtesy of Cheltenham Town's victory over Doncaster Rovers.

Ex-Saints defender Kevin Bond with veteran Steve Claridge during his time as Cherries boss in 2006.

Bournemouth chairman Jeff Mostyn celebrates after Cherries had all but secured promotion to the Premier League

Without the governing body's sanction the Cherries would have finished the season in the comfort of 15th place – but even that type of moral victory seemed destined to escape the Dorset outfit 12 months later.

Nevertheless, despite the barren return from his initial two games at the helm in January 2009, Bournemouth's kingmakers had plainly seen something in their young manager.

A regime that had dispensed with Bond one month into the season, and swung the axe on Quinn four months into the Northern Irishman's tenure, opted to throw their lot in with bona fide club legend Howe.

Perhaps there was an element of currying favour with supporters in the decision, a feeling that fans wouldn't turn on the popular rook-

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ARTUR BORUC (SOUTHAMPTON 2012-2014; BOURNEMOUTH 2015-PRESENT)

The Polish stopper joined the newly-promoted Saints in 2012 on a one-year deal, following a string of poor performances from Kelvin Davis.

Capped for his country on 60 occasions, the stopper was a key part of Mauricio Pochettino's side that avoided the drop in 2012/13 and then recorded an eighth-placed finish the following year.

Boruc fell out-of-favour following the arrival of Fraser Forster from Celtic, prompting Bournemouth to acquire his services on loan in September 2014.

After helping them to promotion, he joined on a free and remains first-choice.

SIMON GILLETT (SOUTHAMPTON 2005-2010; BOURNEMOUTH 2006-07 LOAN)

Now plying his trade in League Two with Yeovil Town, Gillett's spell at St. Mary's was dominated by two loans at Blackpool along with one at Bournemouth.

Simon Gillett had a loan spell at Cherries prior to making his mark

He scored once in seven games for the Cherries, while he played 31 times for Saints between 2005 and 2010.

The best spell of his career came with Doncaster, where he featured over 80 times as Rovers established themselves in the second tier.

CHRISTER WARREN (SOUTHAMPYON 1995-97; BOURNEMOUTH 1997-2000)

The Poole-born midfielder featured nine times for Southampton between 1995 and 1997, before joining their rivals where he featured in the league 103 times.

He scored 13 goals during his time at Dean Court.

GORDON WATSON (SOUTHAMPTON 1994-97; BOURNEMOUTH 1999-2000)

Having played 50 times for the Saints, Watson was sold for £500,000 to Bradford City in 1997.

After five goals in 21 games at Valley Parade, the striker moved to Bournemouth at the turn of the millennium but only played six times.

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# of Cherries' rise ...

Fans invade the pitch in April 2009 after Cherries had beaten Grimsby to guarantee their Football League survival.

Jimmy Quinn congratulates Blair Sturrock and Jason Pearce, right, after Cherries had beaten Darlington in 2008.

ie, regardless of how bad things got.

Maybe the club's bosses really had detected in Howe the "strategic vision and intelligence" , as described by then chief executive Alastair Saverimutto, as he spoke to confirm the manager's appointment until the end of the 2008/2009 season.

Either way, it worked.

And to a degree that absolutely nobody could have anticipated.

Howe began his full-time reign by overseeing a 3-1 beating of league leaders Wycombe.

Little did the 5,946 watching on inside Dean Court that day, as goals scored by Brett Pitman, Jason Pearce and Saints loanee Jake Thomson secured a home win, realise that they were witnessing the start of something very special indeed.

The Cherries would lose only two of Howe's first 13 matches in charge, with a 2-0 win over Aldershot Town on March 3rd 2009 enough for Bournemouth to finally, improbably, climb out of the drop zone.

By the time they hosted Grimsby Town on the season's penultimate day, the Cherries knew that victory would guarantee their survival.

And at a bouncing Dean Court, housing more than 9,000 people, packed tight and stirring up a cacophonous atmosphere, the talismanic Steve Fletcher struck an 80th minute winner to seal a 2-1 victory and complete an escapology act that has gone down in club lore.

Indeed, Bournemouth fans, who adopted a chant throughout the campaign to the effect that their team would brush off its 17-point handicap to survive – albeit in rather tastier language – will always treasure that barmy few months in their club's history.

Names like Danny Hollands, Marvin Bartley and, of course, Brett Pitman and Fletcher, who Howe brought back to the club from Crawley Town soon after taking over, will always stir up fond memories, even in these heady days of Premier League football in Dorset.

When the curtain came down on their tumultuous season, Bournemouth could savour a remarkable nine point cushion over 23rd placed side Chester.

Nevertheless, while there was a sense of a club in the ascendancy, few people could have anticipated the ruthless fashion in which Howe and his team would sustain their form into the following campaign.

Relegation certainties at the start of the calendar year, Bournemouth made plain their renewed ambition at the outset of the 2009/2010 term, winning nine of their opening 10 matches.

What's more, this wasn't a side grinding out results.

Nor was it one bolstered by an influx of new arrivals, the majority of the team being those who had been embroiled in the previous season's fight against the odds.

Howe's team took the game to their opponents, whoever they might be, relying on an expansive, fast-paced style of football, to which the Cherries have remained faithful as they set about the cream of the Premier League this term.

Certainly, Bournemouth's bold, progressive approach under their forward-thinking boss proved too hot for the majority of their 2009/2010 League Two counterparts to handle.

The Cherries romped to promotion, rattling up 83 points, second only to runaway champions Notts County.

Pitman starred once more, weighing in with 26 goals for a side that confirmed its destiny with two games to spare.

This story of sustained upwards mobility looked set to run and run, as the Cherries initially made light of the jump back into League One.

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They played for Saints and the Cherries

DAVID WEBB (SOUTHAMPTON 1965-68; BOURNEMOUTH 1980)

Webb featured 86 times for the Saints during their Second Division Days, and joined Bournemouth as a player-coach in May 1980 before becoming full-time manager in November of that year.

DAVID MCGOLDRICK (SOUTHAMPTON 2004-2009; BOURNEMOUTH 2007 LOAN)

Tipped for big things, McGoldrick featured over 60 times for Southampton but left to join Nottingham Forest following relegation to League One in 2009.

He enjoyed a profitable loan spell at Dean Court in 2007, netting six times in 12 appearances.

After failing to break into Forest's first team, McGoldrick has rebuilt his career and currently plays in the Championship for Ipswich. The 27-year-old had a productive loan spell in 2012/13 at League One side Coventry City, scoring 16 times in just 22 appearances.

David McGoldrick had an impressive loan spell at Cherries

KEVIN BOND (SOUTHAMPTON 1984-1988, BOURNEMOUTH 1988-1992)

The 6-ft defender featured over 140 times for the Saints in four years, after making 100 appearances for Manchester City.

Bond then moved to Bournemouth in 1988, but along with Laurence couldn't prevent relegation in 1990.

The 58-year-old spent two years in charge of the Cherries and oversaw their drop to League Two, but was sacked in September 2008 and replaced by Eddie Howe.

MARK WHITLOCK (SOUTHAMPTON 1981-86; BOURNEMOUTH 1986-88)

The centre back played 55 times at The Dell, and worked as a security guard after his football carrer.

Whitlock was also a stalwart for the Dean Court outfit between 1986 and 1988, featuring on 99 occasions and playing a key role for his side's historic Third Division title win in 1986/87.

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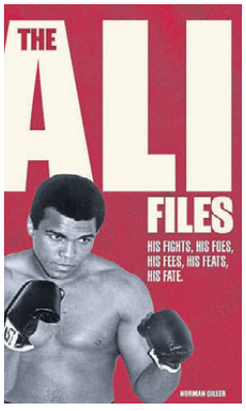

When Ali was still undisputed

The Ali Files

By Norman Giller

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WHAT would become a global obsession with the then Cassius Marcellus Clay began in earnest early in 1963 when the former Olympic heavyweight champion prepared for his 18th pro fight against Doug Jones at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Ring Magazine would vote the contest the fight of the year, though Clay's pre-fight selling ability was just as impressive.

Despite a widespread newspaper strike, he almost single-handedly ensured "the Garden" was sold out for the first time in six years.

Three months later, Britons caught their first glimpse of the "Louisville Lip" and did not like what they saw – a braggart jeered on his way to the Wembley Stadium ring by a partisan crowd of 55,000 to face "Our 'Enery", aka Henry Cooper.

Controversy surrounded a fight which Clay won, but only just, which set up a tilt at the world title and a fight against Sonny Liston in Miami Beach in February 1964.

Clay was en route to making heavyweight boxing the biggest sport on earth, becoming the world's most famous man in the process.

Norman Giller presents us with a résumé of Ali's career; it's an ideal introduction for younger sports fans in particular who may regard "The Greatest" merely as a shuffling old man brought low by a debilitating disease. Even this briefest of introductions will revise opinions.

Vardy joins elite index of league goalscorers

JAMIE Vardy became only the eighth striker to score in at least seven consecutive Premier League games as Leicester beat Crystal Palace 1-0 at the weekend.

The Foxes marksman now stands shoulder to shoulder with the likes of Alan Shearer and Ian Wright amongst others, but he remains three games off matching Ruud van Nistelrooy's hot streak in 2003.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the longest individual scoring runs in Premier League history.

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY: 10 games, Manchester United, run finished August 2003

The prolific Dutch striker scored in the final eight games of the 2002-03 season as United clinched the title, before prolonging his run into the first two games of the 2003-04 campaign.

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY: Eight games, Manchester United, run finished January 2002

Around 18 months before his 10-game streak, Van Nistelrooy enjoyed a fruitful festive period in the 2001-02 season, notching in eight successive games. That run also included his first hat-trick for United as they hammered Saints 6-1 at Old Trafford on December 22, 2001.

DANIEL STURRIDGE: Eight games, Liverpool, run finished February 2014

Luis Suarez stole a lot of the headlines as Brendan Rodgers' Liverpool challenged for the league title in 2013-14, but Sturridge notched against Everton and Arsenal as he scored in eight successive games.

JAMIE VARDY: Seven games, Leicester, August to October 2015 (not finished)

Man-of-the-moment Vardy has catapulted himself into illustrious company with nine goals in his last seven matches. The 28-year-old leads the Premier League goalscoring charts with 10 strikes and is bound to draw admiring glances from other clubs if he can keep this up.

Jamie Vardy, middle

MARK STEIN: Seven games, Chelsea, run finished February 1994

Stein starred for Chelsea at a difficult time. Despite his seven-game streak, the Blues only claimed three victories during that time.

IAN WRIGHT: Seven games, Arsenal, run finished November 1994

Wright was simply sensational for Arsenal as he plundered 18 Premier League goals in 1994-95, with his scoring run including a win against his old club Crystal Palace.

ALAN SHEARER: Seven games, run finished Newcastle November 1996

In his first season as a Newcastle player, Shearer hit the ground running with a remarkable scoring run that included a goal in a 5-0 win over Manchester United.

THIERRY HENRY: Seven games, Arsenal, run finished May 2000

Despite struggling initially in the Premier League, it did not take long for Henry's immense class to shine through. His run of scoring in seven consecutive games towards the end of 1999-2000 gave Arsenal fans a glimmer of what was to come.

EMMANUEL ADEBAYOR: Seven games, Arsenal, run finished February 2008

Before Adebayor was skidding on his knees to goad Arsenal fans, he was leading the line for them. His tally of nine goals in seven games helped the Gunners to six wins in that time.

Football fixtures

Monday, November 2
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Sutton v Oxford City.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division One South & West: Burnham v Winchester City.

Tuesday, November 3
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bedworth v Chesham, Kettering v Biggleswade, Leamington v Cambridge City, Paulton Rovers v Stratford (7.30), St Neots v Dunstable.
Division One South & West: Bashley v Taunton, Didcot v Bridgwater, Shortwood v North Leigh, Tiverton v Larkhall (7.30).

DORSET SENIOR CUP
Third round: Poole Town v Shaftesbury, Wimborne Town v Gillingham Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Cowes Sports v Team Solent (7.30), Andover Town v Verwood, Bemerton HH v Blackfield & Langley, Folland Sports v Fareham Town.

HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Second round: Horndean v East Cowes Vics
ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP
Alresford Town v Ash Utd.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: Dorchester Town v Wimborne Town.

Wednesday, November 4
DORSET SENIOR CUP
Third round: Swanage Town & Herston v Hamworthy Utd.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Porchester v Winchester City.
Division One: Lymington Town v Laverstock & Ford.
Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round: Moneyfields v Petersfield Town.
John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: AFC Stoneham v Sholing.

Thursday, November 5
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: AFC Totton v Downton.

Friday, November 6
FA CUP
First round proper: Salford City v Notts County (7.55, BBC)

Saturday, November 7
PREMIER LEAGUE: AFC Bournemouth v Newcastle United (12:45), Leicester City v Watford, Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion, Norwich City v Swansea City, Sunderland v Southampton, West Ham United v Everton, Stoke City v Chelsea (17:30).

CHAMPIONSHIP: Huddersfield Town v Leeds United (12:30), Blackburn Rovers v Brentford, Bolton Wanderers v Bristol City, Brighton and Hove Albion v Milton Keynes Dons, Cardiff City v Reading, Charlton Athletic v Sheffield Wednesday, Fulham v Birmingham City, Hull City v Middlesbrough, Queens Park Rangers v Preston North End, Rotherham United v Ipswich Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Burnley.

FA CUP
First round proper: Burton Albion v Peterborough, Barnet v Blackpool, Cambridge Utd v Basingstoke Town, Mansfield v Oldham, Altrincham v Barnsley, Crewe Alexandra v Eastleigh, Northwich Victoria v Boreham Wood, Coventry City v Northampton, Grimsby v St Albans, Hartlepool v Cheltenham, Dover v Stourbridge, Stevenage v Gillingham, Millwall v AFC Fylde, Walsall v Fleetwood, Bury v Wigan, Portsmouth v Macclesfield, Sheffield Utd v Worcester, Barwell v Welling, Crawley v Luton, Doncaster v Stalybridge, Dagenham & Redbridge v Morecambe, Leyton Orient v Staines, Accrington Stanley v York, Scunthorpe v Southend, AFC Wimbledon v Forest Green, Plymouth v Carlisle, Rochdale v Swindon, Wealdstone v Colchester.

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Gateshead v Southport, Torquay v Wrexham.

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Bishops Stortford v Bath City, Chelmsford v Truro, Ebbsfleet v Oxford City, Hemel Hempstead v Eastbourne Borough, Margate v Havant & Waterlooville, Sutton v Hayes & Yeading, Weston-super-Mare v Concord.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bideford v Kettering, Cambridge City v Stratford, Chippenham v Redditch, Dorchester v Bedworth, Dunstable v Poole, Frome v Hungerford, Histon v Paulton Rovers, Hitchin v Biggleswade, Kings Lynn v Slough, Leamington v Cirencester, Merthyr Town v Weymouth.

Division One South & West: Banbury v Yate, Bishops Cleeve v Wantage, Burnham v Bashley, Larkhall v Winchester City, Mangotsfield v Cinderford, Marlow v Taunton, North Leigh v Evesham, Shortwood v Bridgwater, Swindon Supermarine v AFC Totton, Wimborne v Slimbridge.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Bournemouth Poppies, Bemerton HH v AFC Portchester, Fawley AFC v Whitchurch, Folland Sports v Andover Town, Moneyfields v Brockenhurst, Newport IoW v Hamworthy Utd, Sholing v Blackfield & Langley, Team Solent v Lymington Town, Verwood v Cowes Sports.

SWL Cup, second round: Fareham Town v Alton Town, Portland Utd v Horndean.

Division One: East Cowes Vics v Romsey, Hythe & Dibden v AFC Stoneham, Ringwood v Totton & Eling, US Portsmouth v Christchurch,

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP
Downton v Trowbridge, Laverstock & Ford v Amesbury, Pewsey Vale v Corsham, Salisbury v Mere Town.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Senior Division: Colden Common v Fleetlands, Hamble Club v Paulsgrove.
Division One: Michelmersh & Timsbury v Lyndhurst, Sway v Upham.
Combination East: Hayling Utd v Baffins Milton Rovers, Liphook Utd v Clanfield, Liss Athletic v Headley Utd.
Combination West: Infinity v Overton Utd, Otterbourne v Bush Hill.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One: Totton & Eling v Verwood Town.
Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round: Tadley Calleva v Romsey Town.
John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: Bashley v Team Solent.

HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP
Second round: AFC Burton v Alresford Town Res, AFC Gulf Western v Hedge End Rangers, AFC Petersfield v US Portsmouth Res, AFC Portchester Res v AFC Stoneham Res, Andover Lions v Shanklin, Baffins Milton Rovers v Liphook Utd, Braishfield v Lymington Town Res, Burridge AFC v Infinity, Bush Hill v Widbrook Utd, Clanfield v QK Southampton, Fleetlands Res v Fawley AFC Res, Four Marks v East Boldre, Headley Utd v Cadnam Utd Hedge End Rangers Res v Southampton University, Locks Heath v Hayling Utd, Overton Utd v Bournemouth Electric, Park Sports v Otterbourne, Warsash Wasps v Hythe & Dibden Res, Westover Bournemouth v Netley Central Sports, West Wight v Liss Athletic, Wey Valley v Alton Town Res, Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Stockbridge, Winchester Castle v Ventnor.

Hamilton's greatest ever F1 triumphs

Lewis Hamilton has sealed his third Formula One title.
Here, the Sports Pink charters his memorable races.

Canadian Grand Prix, June 2007

Hamilton deplored a maturity way beyond his tender 22 years in Montreal by sealing his first win in only his sixth F1 outing. Hamilton started from pole, also the first of his career, and turned in a flawless display - despite the safety car emerging on four different occasions - to lead every lap en route to victory. He became the first black driver to win a Formula One race and the youngest to lead the world championship.

Japanese Grand Prix,

Lewis Hamilton has been crowned world champion for a third timr.

September 2007

Hamilton already had a reputation as a wet-weather specialist before his arrival in Formula One and he delivered on the grandest stage with a masterful performance in the wet at Fuji. Hamilton's McLaren team-mate Fernando Alonso spun in his desperate bid to catch the Briton as Hamilton sailed to win number four of his impressive debut campaign. He led the championship by 12 points with two races remaining, but would miss out on becoming the first driver to win the title in his rookie season.

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Ed's role in a truly

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There was the first indication, too, of Howe's shrewd eye for a player, with Marc Pugh and Harry Arter, who would both go on to play star turns in the club's rise through the leagues, arriving at Dean Court in the summer of 2010.

While Arter, signed from Woking, took a while to find his feet, former Hereford player Pugh flourished from the off, revelling in his attacking role as Bournemouth competed at the top end of the division.

Sixth in League One at the turn of the year – a point and a place behind Saints – the Cherries had edged up into third a fortnight later, when Howe finally buckled in the face of overtures from elsewhere.

Having already declined advances from Charlton and Crystal Palace, Bournemouth's sought after boss couldn't resist the lure of Burnley, then challenging for promotion into the Premier League.

Lee Bradbury, a vital member of the on-field unit under Howe's Bournemouth stewardship, succeeded his former boss in January 2011 and drove his team on into the play-offs, where they suffered a gut-wrenching semi-final penalty shoot-out defeat at the hands of Huddersfield Town.

There was a suspicion, following that May night in West Yorkshire, when Bradbury's side fought out a thrilling 3-3 draw before going down on spot-kicks, that this homely club had hit their glass ceiling.

Moreover, there was an end-of-era feeling at Dean Court, with Anton Robinson, Liam Feeney, Pearce, Hollands and Rhoys Wiggins all leaving for pastures new, while Danny Ings, departed to link up with Howe at Turf Moor.

The difficult campaign that was widely expected prior to Bradbury's first full season as boss duly ensued.

The manager lost his job in March 2012 following a 1-0 defeat at Oldham, which left the Cherries dwindling in 13th place.

The task of steering Bournemouth back on course went to Paul Groves, despite the former youth team boss at Dean Court winning just two of his eight matches in temporary charge at the end of the 2011/2012 season.

Groves' stay proved short-lived, however, with then chairman Eddie Mitchell pulling the trigger on his manager's reign, after the Cherries opened the 2012/2013 season by claiming a sole victory from their first ten games.

Mitchell, who, 11 months later would sell his stake in the club to Russian businessman Maxim Demin, promptly pulled off a stunning coup; the re-hiring of Howe from Burnley.

Attributing personal reasons as a factor in his decision to swap Lancashire for a move back south, Howe was soon replicating the breakneck start he made to his first stint as Cherries' manager.

A victory over Leyton Orient in the first match following Howe's return sparked a 15 game unbeaten streak that catapulted Bournemouth to within touching distance of the play-off berths.

Nevertheless, there would be no need for Howe's team to engage in the nerve-shredding post-season scrap for League One's final promotion spot.

After experiencing a slump for the first time in either of his spells in the Dean Court dugout, when the Cherries lost five successive games in February and March, Howe showed himself to be able to thrive in adversity.

Eight matches and eight wins later, the last of which was a 3-1 victory over Carlisle in front of their own celebrating, scarcely-believing fans, Bournemouth had won promotion into the Championship.

The Cherries' only prior experi-

Ex-Saint Andrew Surman, second left, helps celebrate a goal as Cherries stormed to the Championship title

Brett Pitman's goals were key in Cherries' amazing rise through the divisions.

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amazing story ...

Eddie Howe and his players celebrate virtually winning promotion to the Premier League at Dean Court last April.

Callum Wilson, second left, was a superb signing by Eddie Howe in the summer of 2014.

ence of operating on the second rung of English football's ladder had lasted for three years, following the Harry Redknapp led team's Division Three (now League One) title winning exploits of 1987.

Bournemouth, so the theory went, would do well this time around to match the length of their previous second-tier stay.

In fact, on this occasion, Howe's team were merely passing through; this notoriously tough division acting as a stepping-stone on AFC Bournemouth's path to the pinnacle of the English game.

But Premier League football for his club was what Howe had been plotting all along. Shortly after being announced as Cherries' manager for a second time, the returned messiah was laying the foundations of a team that could see off the Championship's best – even while they were playing in League One.

Howe brought Pitman back to his spiritual home in November 2012 (making the move permanent two months later), while in January 2013, Matt Ritchie, now dazzling on the biggest stage in this country and playing international football for Scotland, came in from Swindon Town.

After one year spent acclimatising to their new surroundings, the Cherries went full-tilt last term to complete one of the footballing tales of our times.

Howe responded to losing his 22-goal top scoring striker Lewis Grabban to Norwich City, following Bournemouth's 10th placed finish in 2013/2014, by gambling on the potential of prodigious Coventry City forward Callum Wilson.

The 23 year-old scored 20 times last season – eight more than Grabban managed – as Howe's men came out on top in one of the most competitive Championship title races in memory.

It was an achievement made even more impressive by the Cherries losing none of their final 13 matches, with the pressure at its most intense.

Saints won't have to contend with Wilson on Sunday. Like his team-mates Max Gradel and £8m defender Tyrone Mings, the striker is condemned to a prolonged spell on the sidelines, owing to a serious knee injury.

These are the sort of blows that any team would struggle to ride, let along one making its Premier League bow.

Howe has overcome far, far greater challenges to bring Bournemouth to this point, however, and he will be intent on banishing what is a personally grim record at St Mary's on Sunday.

When the sides' paths crossed in October 2010 – in what was their first league meeting since April 23 1960, when Saints beat the then Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic 3-1 in a League Division Three encounter – two Rickie Lambert penalties secured victory for that season's League One runners-up.

Saints' 3-1 triumph in the reverse fixture at Dean Court in March 2011 came after Howe had left for Burnley, whose visit to St Mary's under his command in 2012 ended in 2-0 defeat.

That was the same score that the Bournemouth managed Howe were on the wrong end of in a League cup tie in August 2010, with Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Adam Lallana on target for the home side.

Only five years later, those contests already have the feel of belonging to another era.

Saints, of course, have undergone their own remarkable reversal of fortunes, casting off the misery of a double relegation to re-establish themselves as a top-flight mainstay.

Let's hope that after the latter day resumption of the Southampton-Portsmouth duel proved to be a rather brief affair, this is the first act in a compelling and prolonged south coast drama.

Hamilton's greatest F1 triumphs

from facing page

British Grand Prix, July 2008

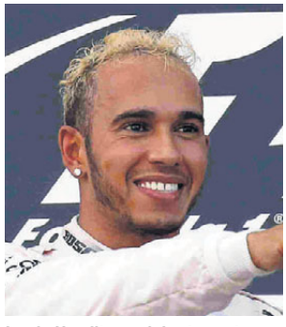
In arguably the best performance by a British driver in grand prix history, Hamilton blew away the field at a rain-lashed Silverstone to win by a mammoth 68 seconds. In front of a bumper British crowd the home favourite also lapped the entire pack up to third as he mastered the changeable conditions. It will surely rank as one of his finest-ever drives.

Brazilian Grand Prix, October 2008

Hamilton sealed his first championship in the most dramatic of circumstances after he overtook Timo Glock at the last corner on the last lap of the final race of the season. His title rival Felipe Massa appeared to have done enough to seal the championship after winning the rain-hit race, but Hamilton crossed the line in fifth to clinch the title by a mere point.

United States Grand Prix, November 2012

His last victory for McLaren and one



Lewis Hamilton celebrates yet another F1 race victory.

which proved his credential as as world-class driver. Hamilton kept Sebastian Vettel's superior Red Bull in his sights before catching and then overtaking the German with just 12 laps remaining.

Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, November 2014

Even with double points in play for the first time in the history of the sport, Hamilton knew a second-placed finish would be enough to win title number two. His title rival Nico Rosberg started from pole, but Hamilton surged ahead of his Mercedes team-mate off the start-line before winning the race and winning the championship in style.

British Grand Prix, July 2015

Hamilton appeared in real danger of losing out to Rosberg as a heavy rain shower spiced up the closing stages. Rosberg was taking chunks of time out of his Mercedes team-mate before the Briton made the inspired call to stop for wet-weather tyres. It was a huge gamble, but one that paid off, as the rain intensified.

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Non league FOOTBALL

Lawrie McMenemy

FA Cup winning manager to open new standing area at Test Park before Wessex League clash

LAWRIE McMenemy has been lined up as guest of honour for Team Solent's heavyweight Friday night showdown against Salisbury City on Friday week.

Prior to the 7.45pm kick-off, the Saints legend will be opening a new covered standing area at the Students' Test Park ground in Lower Brownhill Road, Southampton.

With Steve Claridge's Salisbury currently top of the Sydenhams Premier Division and James Taylor's newly- promoted Solent hitting form after a slow start to the season, it promises to be a grand occasion all round.

Salisbury – risen from the ashes of the old Conference National club – have a huge following and Solent are hopeful of attracting a 400-plus crowd.

Club chairman Bill Moore said: "We've got a new covered standing area and we thought we'd invite Lawrie along to open it to go hand in hand with the occasion of the game.

"I got in touch with Lawrie through a friend.

"He's got links with the university and he does attend from time to time to give lectures to the students. Being a university side, we don't have too much of a following in terms of supporters, so we thought that by playing the game on a Friday night, it might attract a few interested locals to come along to watch, plus a few ground-hoppers and some supporters of other teams.

"The league have told us to expect 300-400 from Salisbury and we're hoping we might get a bigger crowd than the 350-400 that watched us play AFC Bournemouth in the Hampshire Senior Cup last year."

Star striker Waller-Lassen hitting his stride for Solent

Jesse back firing after missing first month of season

TEAM Solent's Jesse Waller-Lassen has wasted no time bursting into the top ten of the Sydenhams Premier scoring charts.

Despite starting the season a month later than most, the prolific Southampton Solent University student already has 12 goals in the bag from just seven league and cup appearances – all of them Solent wins - since returning from a summer in America, *writes Wendy Gee.*

The former Tottenham youth player has bagged three braces already this term and his hat-trick against Whitchurch United last Saturday was his second treble of the season, adding to one against Moneyfields.

Waller-Lassen and his fellow students took time to click into gear against Whitchurch and were trailing 1-0 when the half-time whistle sounded at Test Park.

But after a pep talk from manager James Taylor urging them to up the tempo, Solent swarmed all over their lowly visitors for a 7-2 win.

"We didn't start too well," admitted Taylor. "We'd had plenty of the ball, but we couldn't break them down and got caught on the break.

"I told the lads they were passing the ball too slowly and needed to up the tempo. Once we hit our stride we can open teams up.

"We've got people who can score goals, that's for sure."

Jim Orvis (2), Steve Black and Matt Sheedy were also on target for Solent but, pressed to pick a highlight, Taylor plumped for Waller-Lassen's second of the game.

"It was very special," he said. "Jesse cut in on the corner of the box and smashed the ball into the top corner."

Taylor himself made a late appearance but the 40-year-old player-boss couldn't add to his tally of three goals this season, all from the bench.

"I went on for the last 10 or 15 minutes but failed miserably to score!" he smiled.

James Taylor during his playing days at Totton.

Town sign stopper

FAREHAM Town have welcomed a new goalkeeper into the camp.

Havant & Waterlooville's reserve stopper Charlie Searle has signed for the Sydenhams Premier outfit on a dual registration, allowing him to be recalled by the Hawks at any time.

It was a patched-up Fareham side that lost 1-0 at home to Newport IoW in the league last Saturday.

But considering the number of players that were missing, manager Steve Stone wasn't too dismayed by the scoreline.

"On Thursday we had 11 players available and my plan to get the players in for an injury clinic was thwarted by the physio, Claire, getting a sprained ankle herself falling down the stairs!" he said.

Bitten

"So if you had asked me on Thursday would I take a 1-0 defeat I would have bitten your arm off.

"Three players patched themselves up to play and three players who rarely play put themselves in the firing line. Plus, a player who has not played for over two months, sat on the bench. As a manager, all I can say is thank you.

"The youngsters in the team have played a lot lately and looked tired, but they still gave us all they had. Hopefully we can get players back and give them a break soon.

"But I am sure other clubs have similar tales of woe with players missing and injured."

Tom McInnes, who has just returned to Newport from Moneyfields, notched the winning goal just after the hour after Fareham had failed to clear a corner.

But, for all their problems, Town's walking wounded could well have salvaged a point late on when Ash Tattersall was brought down on one of his trademark surges into the area.

Unfortunately for Fareham, Sam Martin's penalty was saved.

Tom McInnes.

Non league FOOTBALL

Stephen Walker scores Salisbury's goal against Blackfield.

Anyone can still win the title

Salisbury aren't a shoe in for crown

ANYONE who thought Salisbury lifting the 2015/16 Sydenhams Wessex League crown was a foregone conclusion can think again.

As far as Blackfield & Langley's co-assistant manager Chris Farrell is concerned, it's still anybody's title.

The Watersiders' 2-1 victory at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium last Saturday handed Salisbury their second defeat of the league campaign and wrecked their 11-match unbeaten run.

The Whites did themselves no favours by having ex-Eastleigh striker Sam Wilson sent off for two yellow cards after 35 minutes with the score still 0-0.

Four minutes later Blackfield seized the lead through Liam Robinson and, although Steve Walker's header hauled 10-man Salisbury back on terms, Robinson struck again to ensure ex-Whites midfielder Glenn Howes, the Blackfield manager, went home with the points.

"We went there expecting to win, I don't know what all the fuss is about," shrugged Farrell.

"If we could give Maidenhead United a close game in the FA Cup, why couldn't we beat Salisbury?

"We always felt we could get a result because we're a good side.

"But there are lots of other good sides around and it's ludicrous for anyone to believe that the league is done and dusted in October.

"There are plenty of clubs who could have a say.

"For me AFC Portchester were the pre-season favourites and only a fool would dismiss them.

"We're a good side too but we're not pretentious enough to think we'll win the league just because we've beaten Salisbury. You only get three points for beating them, but it's all leading up to an interesting part of the season."

Referee Robert Ablitt gives Sam Wilson a second yellow card.

Much as Farrell doesn't fear Salisbury, he respects what the new Whites board have done to bring football back to the RayMac following the demise of the old Salisbury City FC.

"Fair play to the people who've revitalised the club," he said. "You can't knock the fact that over 700 people (718) turned up last week to watch a Step 5 game. Apart from Hereford, where would you get another big crowd like that at this level? It just doesn't happen in our league.

"Salisbury have probably got more stewards than we've got supporters and it was fantastic for our lads to play in front of a crowd of that size."

Although Wilson's double booking – the first for dissent, the second for a reckless challenge – had an impact on proceedings, Farrell insists it should not detract from a fine Blackfield display.

"It was imperative we kept our discipline," he said. "Salisbury tried every trick in the book to influence the referee, but he (Robert Ablitt) was excellent. He remained impartial and got everything right.

"A telling factor for us is that we had our strongest side out in a long time with Jake Rowley playing his first game since coming back from America and a young lad, Callum Cunniffe-Piley, making an outstanding debut at right-back.

"Callum's come to us from Gosport's development squad and you won't see a better debut. He was superb.

"We had two 18-year-old full-backs, with Josh Buck on the other side, and they grew into the game."

Blackfield kept up the good work on Tuesday, banking three more points with a 2-0 home win over Cowes Sports.

Sam Lanahan (38 mins) and Rico Wilson (65 mins) were on target.

Misery for Bemerton

OUTRAGED Bemerton Heath Harlequins boss Graham Kemp branded last Saturday's 3-2 defeat a Fawley AFC "embarrassing".

Despite twice coming back from behind through Graham Mankin, the Harlequins left Waterside Sports & Social Club with their tails between their legs after new signing Dan Fry had won it for Fawley with his second goal of the game.

Both Fry goals were poacher's finishes inside the box after Bemerton had failed miserably to deal with a set piece.

In between, slack defending allowed Oilers' youngster Jordan Mellor to run through on goal and finish.

Kemp, who succeeded Ian Chalk at the Harlequins helm, fumed: "That was embarrassing and the lads got told that after the game.

"I will not take a performance like that.

"We need to step up as a side – and quickly.

"I think we should be challenging for top six and, with performances like that, we are way off that target."

Bemerton, who host in-form Blackfield & Langley this Tuesday, are currently mid-table with 17 points from 12 games.

● BROCKENHURST'S FA Cup conquerors Wealdstone have landed a home tie against League One Colchester United in the first round proper next week.

Having disposed of the Badgers 5-1 at Grigg Lane, the Stones rode their luck to edge Bognor Regis Town 2-1 in last Saturday's fourth qualifying round.

Goals by Bradley Hudson-Odoi and Tom Hamblin were enough to edge the National League South hosts through, but it could all have ended so differently had Bognor's Jason Prior packed his shooting boots.

The ex-Moneyfields and AFC Wimbledon man, a one-time target of Eastleigh, won his side two penalties but had both saved by Stones' goalkeeping hero Jonathan North who dived the right way on each occasion.

Pompey loanee Chad Field pulled a goal back for the Rocks.

Graham Kemp

Non league FOOTBALL

Downton's Ollie Roe (red)

Portland continue to show fine form with superb win at Downton

THE bad news for the chasing pack in the Sydenhams One title race is that leaders Portland United are getting better.

Manager Gary Bailey described his side's attacking play as "out of this world" following last Saturday's 5-0 destruction of Downton at Wick Lane.

Carl McClements and Alex Godfrey each struck twice as the Dorset outfit extended their lead to seven points at the top.

Substitute Ryan McKechnie was also on target in what Bailey rated "probably our best all-round performance of the season".

The manager enthused: "Some of our attacking play was out of this world, it really was first class.

"Downton are a good side and had only conceded nine goals before the game, but at times they just couldn't deal with us.

"We caused them all sorts of problems and defended magnificently when we had to."

Downton head coach Colin Hopkins said: "We really fancied ourselves at home where, prior to Portland's visit, we were unbeaten.

"Although we should have done better with the goals we conceded, Portland were just too good for us."

Second-placed Amesbury Town's unbeaten start was halted 2-1 at Ringwood.

It was a sorry afternoon for the Blues whose squad was so depleted that boss Gareth Horner emerged from the bench for the first time since December 2012.

Ben Harris put Ringwood ahead before Danny Finnigan nailed his 11th of the season for the leveller.

But Matt Steer quickly restored Ringwood's advantage.

That defeat left Amesbury just a point clear of US Portsmouth, who punished Alton Town 3-1 at Burnaby Road through Ben Booker, Connor Duffin and Callum Coker.

Oliver Graham scored a late reply.

New Borough signing Vine makes an instant impact

Manager Pike is encouraged by partnership

NEW signing Rowan Vine has made an immediate impact for National League South promotion hopefuls Gosport Borough.

Although manager Alex Pike viewed Borough's 2-2 draw at Truro City as "two valuable points dropped", he was encouraged by the blossoming partnership between Vine and Borough's all-time leading marksman Justin Bennett.

Having fallen behind to an early Jamie Richards header, Borough levelled with a Bennett penalty awarded for Pierce Mitchell's push on Vine.

A mis-kick by goalkeeper Nathan Ashmore from Rory Williams' back-header invited Jamie Reid to restore Truro's advantage, but 33-year-old Vine levelled on the stroke of half-time with a shot that took a deflection past goalkeeper Tom McHale.

The game could have tipped either way in the second half. Bennett skimmed a header off the top of the crossbar and Vine dragged a shot wide for Gosport before Truro's Reid rattled the woodwork late on.

Having failed in his attempts to sign Warren Bentley from Winchester City and ex-Saint Matt Paterson from Havant & Waterlooville, Pike is impressed with the frontline quality Vine has brought to the side.

"I have been really pleased with Rowan since he joined us," said Pike. "He looks like forming an excellent partnership with Justin Bennett up front."

Basingstoke-born Vine's well-travelled career has taken in stops at Portsmouth, Luton Town, Birmingham City and QPR – plus Scottish trio St Johnstone, Hibernian and Greenock Morton.

"He will only get stronger and is starting to look like a Football League player who cost £3 at one time in his career," added Pike.

"I expect him to get better and better – and he hasn't cost us a penny."

Rowan Vine in action for St Johnstone.

JUST four weeks after signing a shirt sponsorship deal with Gosport Borough, Aerial Direct have added the stadium name to their sponsorship portfolio.

From now on Gosport's Privett Park home will be known as The Aerial Direct Stadium.

Rich Harper, head of marketing for the locally-based telecommunications giant, said: "Aerial Direct are very proud to be able to offer our support to Gosport and the local community through our sponsorship of the stadium and first team.

"It is very important to us to be able to share our success locally and giving something back through the football club is a great way of achieving this.

"With the work that Gosport Borough FC do in the community, we felt it was a partnership we could both benefit from, on and off the field. We have some great community days planned and can't wait to welcome as many people as possible to the Aerial Direct Stadium."

Great haul for House

SAM House almost single-handedly ended Laverstock & Ford's impressive run of four consecutive victories in Sydenhams One last Saturday.

The Totton & Eling hotshot terrorised Lavvy's defence, striking four times in the Millers' emphatic 5-1 home victory.

All looked good for the Wiltshire visitors when Russell Jones rounded the 'keeper to put them ahead after 18 minutes, but hot-shot House had other ideas.

First the ex-Eastleigh and AFC Totton young gun equalised from the spot, punishing Ollie Hoare's mistimed challenge, and then he peeled away from Paul Lucas to neatly head home before the interval.

Lavvy gifted him a third after the break when keeper Lee Newman-Judd hesitated and T&E killed the game off with quick-fire strikes from House and substitute Stewart McAlpine.

The Lavvy management duo of Robbie Lakeman and Liam McConnell said they were left "furious" by the outcome.

House shot to the top of the Sydenhams One goal charts with 14 in 11 appearances.

Totton's Sam House

Non league FOOTBALL

AFC Totton hosts firework spectacular celebrating bonfire night

AFC TOTTON will be lighting up the night sky with a Firework Spectacular at the Testwood Stadium next Friday, November 6 from 6pm.

There will be live music from the Southampton Ukulele Jam, the bar will be open and food available.

Tickets for the event, sponsored by Home & Industrial Heating Services Ltd, are £5 adults, £3 under-16s or £14 for a family ticket (two adults, two under-16s).

They are available from the Testwood Stadium bar or by emailing chairman@afctotton.com

Those buying tickets beforehand will be entered into a draw for the chance to win £200.

● SHOLING are looking to recruit two youth goalkeepers for their under-16 and under-18 teams.

Under-16s should contact Iain Calder on 07766 521544 and under-18s should ring Steve Doyle on 07780 661832.

Alternatively call Carly Kinsey on 07826 166708.

Dolphins boss demands ban legislation for poor refeeres

'Bad officiating is costing clubs big money' - Killick

ENRAGED boss Tom Killick has called on the FA to consider financial sanctions against referees having blamed man-in-the-middle Andrew Laver for Poole Town's FA Cup exit.

A trio of key decisions proved pivotal as the 10-man Dolphins lost 2-0 at Whitehawk in the fourth qualifying round last Saturday, ending hopes of a plum first-round tie.

Poole's Will Spetch was dismissed after 39 minutes on the back of a soft second yellow card before teammate Luke Burbidge was denied a penalty moments after half-time.

Whitehawk then scored within a minute despite vehement appeals for offside by the Dorset visitors, turning what had already been a difficult afternoon into a near impossible task.

And, having issued Portsmouth official Laver with a series of verbal volleys, Killick said his answer to "wholly unacceptable" officiating would be to temporarily relieve underperforming referees of their duties.

Killick told The Pink's sister paper The (Bournemouth) Daily Echo: "Previous disappointments have been of our own making, but this wasn't.

"The consequence for us is being dumped out of the FA Cup with £12,500 in prize money and the possibility of a plum tie down the drain.

"The consequences for the referee? None. That's unfair.

"If the referee has a game where their performance is considered wholly unacceptable, as would have been the case here, then there should be proper consequences.

"In my view, not refereeing for three matches would perhaps be a reasonable punishment.

"Will Spetch now misses a game for his perceived indiscretions, but the referee will have no repercussions.

"That's what is wrong with it all and why they laugh and smile so much when they make these bad decisions because they know they are untouchable.

Poole Town manager Tom Killick, right.

"I just feel it has to be changed and I don't know why it can't be. Are referees so precious or do we not have enough of them that we can't risk upsetting them? How is that real? That's not the real world.

"If they are terrible, they should miss games and there should be financial consequences. We have lost £12,500. What does the referee lose? Nothing.

"I'm not talking about when a referee is slightly indifferent, but when it is totally unacceptable it should not be allowed. The FA needs to actually do something because I am fed up witnessing it and seeing referees trot out the next week without a care in the world."

Killick admitted National League South outfit Whitehawk had been the better side, but insisted that should not detract from Laver's game-changing calls.

"Up and down the country there will be FA Cup ties where one team is significantly better than the other in most areas of the pitch," he added. "But if they contrive to miss countless chances they will pay the price.

"We were deprived of a big opportunity to make ours one of those games by decisions from the referee.

"There was certainly an element of doubt over the sending off, and that's being kind to the referee, but the penalty was completely ridiculous and we have been knocked out of the FA Cup because of it."

Clear out for Alton

SYDENHAMS One outfit Alton Town are having a clear-out ahead of moving to their new ground.

With their new 3G facility across the road nearing completion, the Brewers have surplus equipment, fixtures and fittings they are looking to sell off.

Up for grabs are eight column floodlights, a Massey Ferguson 135 tractor, trailer, pitch spiker, heavy roller, assorted tools, pitchside barriers, kitchen and catering furniture and fittings and bar sundries, including branded glassware.

To arrange a viewing and a no obligation opportunity to purchase, email contact@altontownfc.com.

It is some ten years since Molson Coors, landlords of Alton's current Bass Sports Ground home, approached them about plans to sell off the site.

It's been a long, hard road finding somewhere else to play, but there is light at the end of the tunnel in the shape of the nearby Anstey Park Enclosure, complete with 3G pitch and up-to-date floodlights.

Chairman Jim McKell reported: "The works at Anstey Park are nearing completion – likely to be mid-November.

"Whatever the exact timetable, we are secure at our current home until the new one is completed and ready for use.

"We will announce the date of our final celebration fixture at the Bass in the near future when we would ask all non-League people and everyone who has ever had an association with the club to join together on that day – past supporters, helpers, players, committee, managers, coaches – including past opposition members.

"Sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us – we are most grateful."

Alton, now managed by former AFC Totton and Poole Town striker Michael Charles, were welcomed back into the Wessex fold this season after a two-year exile in the Combined Counties League.

They are currently mid-table in Division One.

Michael Charles

Non league FOOTBALL

Fawley AFC line up.

Fawley finally kick the habit of conceding late goals

FAWLEY AFC managed to kick their habit of conceding costly late goals against Bemerton Heath Harlequins last Saturday.

But, with the game delicately poised at 3-2 in the Oilers' favour, they could have done without referee Imran Khan playing ten minutes of added time when it should only have been three!, ***writes Wendy Gee.***

"The ref had trouble with his watch and we ended up playing 100 minutes," said Fawley chairman Kevin Mitchell.

"The ref said he'd only played three added minutes, but we all knew he hadn't and both linesmen confirmed afterwards that it had been ten.

"We joked that the players were having a whip-round to buy him a new watch!"

Mitchell saw the funny side but, had Fawley conceded, it would have been no laughing matter.

Starved of league success since late August, the Watersiders were in desperate need of three Sydenhams Premier Division points.

Several times in recent weeks they had put themselves in a winning position only to run out of steam and concede late on.

Fareham Town was a case in point when, from 2-0 up at the interval, they contrived to lose 3-2 as the Creeksiders' Ash Tattersall struck the killer blow in the sixth minute of stoppage time.

And it was a similar tale of woe at Newport IoW where Fawley took an early lead through Charlie Willett only to be sunk by a quickfire second-half double.

"We haven't been playing badly, but we've been suffering second-half setbacks," said Mitchell.

Fawley's Jordan Mellor on the attack.

"We've been doing well in the first half of games only to come away with no points.

"Last Saturday Bemerton equalised with a penalty just before half-time and that was the first time in five Wessex games that we'd conceded a goal in the first half.

"Our problem has been hanging onto the lead. We've conceded a lot between the 86th and 90th minutes and have not been finishing games off.

"We were probably due to hold on for one!"

New signing Dan Fry from Hythe & Dibden was Fawley's match-winning hero, sandwiching two goals around one from young Jordan Mellor who missed the whole of last season injured.

Graham Mankin twice hauled the Wiltshire visitors back on terms but, once Fry had got his second, the Oilers managed to hold strong.

Given the number of players Fawley had unavailable, it was quite an achievement.

"We only had 12 fit first-team players and we had a reserve fixture as well," said Mitchell. "Overall we had 15 unavailable, mainly midfielders and strikers.

"Charlie Willett's in America, Dylan Knight's suspended, Ben Bolton and Roy Johnson are injured, Zac Willis was unavailable and we've still not got Elliott Earl back from injury.

"But we were able to call in one or two with Tom Hardiman coming in for his first game of the season and young player Damian Davies making only his second appearance."

New boss' hard start

CRAIG Pearce admitted Sholing had given him a "baptism of fire" in his first match as manager of Sydenhams Premier outfit Horndean.

Following Dave Carter's departure to Moneyfields, ex-Bognor assistant boss Pearce – a senior coach with Pompey in the Community – is the new man in charge at Five Heads Park.

But he endured a tough start to his reign as first-half goals from Marvin McLean and Dan Mason eased streetwise Sholing to three comfortable points with a 2-0 win at the Silverlake Arena.

The Boatmen overwhelmed their visitors from the off with skipper Byron Mason having a tenth-minute cross-shot turned onto the bar before brother Barry played McLean through to open the scoring with a well-struck shot into the bottom corner.

The Horndean woodwork was shaken again by Byron Mason's bullet header, but there was no escape for Pearce's new charges when Boatmen's new boys Dougie Rowe and Jake Hoole combined to set up top gun Dan Mason for his 17th goal in 18 appearances.

Horndean had arrived at Sholing sitting second in the table, but Carter's departure has already taken its toll with the likes of goalkeeper Lyall Beazley moving to pastures new with AFC Portchester.

"It was a baptism of fire, but we knew it would be against a good Sholing side," said Pearce.

"Injuries and suspensions meant that we included three 16-year-olds in the team and, in the circumstances, they did well."

Pearce will be assisted at Five Heads Park by Simon Chamberlain.

A club statement said: "The model that Horndean FC is attempting to build is that of a local club at the heart of its community.

"The appointment of a young and ambitious manager working with a core of locally-based players very much fits this bill."

Byron Mason, left, congratulates younger brother Dan after his Sholing goal against Horndean. Pic by Ray Routledge.

Non league FOOTBALL

Brockenhurst goalkeeper takes big step to recovery

SAM Cousins is ready to take his first significant steps on the long road back to fitness.

The Brockenhurst goalkeeper, pictured, has made limited appearances since joining the Grigg Lane club from Team Solent last summer and has most recently been sidelined by a torn quad muscle. But the good news is that he is heading back into light training and will hopefully be ready to challenge Callum Maher for the Badgers' No. 1 shirt in the new year.

In Cousins' absence, two unlikely faces have taken over in goal in recent weeks.

With Maher suffering a dead leg during Brock's Sydenhams League Cup trip to Pewsey Vale, outfielder Richie Hayter was pressed into action.

The ex-AFC Totton man survived extra-time and penalties as Brock triumphed 5-3 in the shootout after a 2-2 draw.

With Maher unable to play the league game against Andover Town four days later, it was the turn of goalkeeping coach Geoff Sim to don the gloves – at the age of 49!

Sim saved a penalty as the Badgers twice fought back from behind for a 2-2 Sydenhams Premier draw.

Maher returned to his post between the sticks for last Saturday's 3-1 league win at Folland Sports.

The Brock No. 1, though, could not make Wednesday's Southampton Senior Cup tie against Park Sports, putting Sim in the firing line again. Brock won 3-2 thanks to Ryan Long (2) and Joyce.

Totton boss heaps praise on Banbury after heavy defeat

Woes continue in cup as Stags are beaten at Sholing

STEVE Hollick will not have been surprised to see Banbury United climb to sixth in the Southern One South & West on Tuesday night.

The AFC Totton boss had high praise for the Oxfordshire outfit last weekend as his side were upstaged 4-0 at the Testwood Stadium, ***writes WENDY GEE.***

With Mike Gosney (knee injury) and Marc Diaper (work commitments) missing and Eastleigh loan duo Tony Lee and Jack Alexander on FA Cup duty with their parent club, the below-strength Stags were soundly beaten by a Banbury side who outpassed and outclassed them on their vast, carpet-like pitch.

Totton's defending did them no favours at times, but Banbury's football was a joy to watch as hat-trick man Ricky Johnson and Leam Howards ensured the Puritans pocketed the points.

"They're one of the best teams we've had here, certainly the best we've seen here this season," said Hollick.

"We struggled to work them out for the first 20 minutes and, by the time we did, we were 2-0 down.

"We conceded a soft first goal and Banbury pulled us around a lot. They're very well drilled.

"I can't fault our lads' work rate, we did try. But we huffed and puffed and didn't get enough possession in the final third to worry or trouble them.

"Combine that with the sloppy goals we gave away and it made it a difficult afternoon for us. It's always hard when a team can pop the ball around the way they can. Banbury will be up there at the end of the season."

The Puritans' penchant for passing football was helped by a smooth playing surface and Hollick acknowledged: "Our pitch and facilities are excellent here.

"Banbury probably liked playing here, but our boys should like it too. We also try and play football the right way."

Buoyed by that Totton result, Banbury burst the bubble of FA Cup heroes Didcot Town 2-1 on Monday night to briefly go sixth in the table before Winchester City dislodged them with Wednesday's brilliant 2-1 win at North Leigh.

It was not such a good midweek for the Stags who crashed out of the Russell Cotes Cup 4-2 at Sholing.

Luke Dempsey headed Totton in front but, by the time on-loan Eastleigh midfielder Jack Alexander netted their second, Sholing had struck through Jake Hoole, Lukas Sabo, James Davis and a brilliant 30-yard dipping volley from ex-Stag man Jamie Bulpitt. The Boatmen host Horndean in the next round.

Totton's Nick Watts in action against Banbury last weekend.

Romsey sign Irvine

ROMSEY Town have dived back into the transfer market to sign promising, young forward Mark Irvine from Southern Premier outfit Dorchester Town.

A fast, attacking player who can operate as a winger or up front, Irvine initially joined Dorchester on loan from Southampton and impressed with his movement and workrate.

Following his release from the Saints Academy, the Fareham-born 18-year-old made a permanent move to the Magpies at the beginning of this season.

Irvine, though, found first-team opportunities hard to come by at The Avenue and has made a number of appearances dual-signed at Sydenhams Premier outfit Blackfield this term.

The youngster has now taken on a new challenge at the Bypass Ground, helping Romsey's quest to climb the Sydenhams One table.

"Things didn't work out for him at Saints and he has done well at Dorchester," said boss Andy Samuels.

"He's chomping at the bit to play first-team football and is keen to prove to us what he can do.

"We'll help him and he'll help us. It's more competition for places and we're hopeful and confident he can find the net for us on a regular basis."

Irvine scored on his debut for Romsey at Hythe & Dibden last Saturday, but it was not enough to ward off a 2-1 Sydenhams One defeat inflicted with Watersiders' duo Tom Nash and sub Sean Parker.

Admitting he was "gutted" after the loss, Samuels said: "We need to look at ourselves. We created a number of opportunities but didn't take them."

Irvine spoke of his happiness at signing for the club. "I'm really pleased to be joining Romsey. I've been frustrated lately about not playing enough football," he said.

Romsey's other recent signing, goalkeeper Amadeusz Skrzyniarz, was the hero of their 4-1 Russell Cotes Cup penalty shootout triumph over Baffins Milton.

It was 1-1 at full-time before the Pole saved two spot-kicks to send Town through to a second round tie at AFC Portchester.

Mark Irvine

Crewe slash ticket prices for cup game

CREWE Alexandra have cut ticket prices for the FA Cup first round visit of Eastleigh next weekend.

The match has not been chosen for television coverage and will be played in the traditional 3pm Saturday slot on November 7.

Steve Davis's Crewe, currently anchored to the foot of SkyBet League One, have lowered prices in an attempt to entice extra fans through the Gresty Road turnstiles.

The Alex are enduring tough times on their own territory, having drawn the first two and lost the following five of their seven home league fixtures so far.

They have lost their last six home games in all competitions.

Crowds have plummeted as a result.

The 6,751 hopefuls who watched the opening day's 0-0 draw against Port Vale had shrunk to just 3,924 by the time Crewe lost to Gillingham on October 7.

Crewe's league attendances average out at just 4,421 – a paltry turnout for a club in England's third tier.

Match prices for next Saturday's tie have been set at £10 for adults, £6 for senior citizens (over-60s) and £3 for under-16s.

In the event of a draw, the replay would take place at the Spitfires' Silverlake Stadium on Wednesday,

Crewe Alexandra manager Steve Davis

November 18 (7.45pm) to avoid clashing with England's fixture against France on the Tuesday evening.

The BBC will kick off their live coverage of the The Emirates FA Cup next Friday, November 6, when Salford City play host to Notts County (7.55pm).

Then on Sunday, November 8 it's the turn of Southern Leadue Division One South & West minnows Didcot Town to enjoy their moment in the spotlight against League Two side Exeter City, managed by ex-Saint Paul Tisdale and containing ex-Saints trio Matt Oakley, Lee Holmes and player-coach Danny Butterfield.

That match will be screened on BT Sport, kicking off at noon.

The final televised game pits FC United of Manchester at home to Chesterfield on Monday, November 9 (7.45pm), also on BT Sport – though FC United complained to the FA that they did not want their game moved to accommodate live coverage.

The BBC will be show highlights of all Saturday's games online from 5.15pm.

Eight further ties will feature in the BBC's Final Score programme next Sunday with goal updates and action as it happens.

Comprehensive highlights of all the weekend's cup fixtures will be shown by the BBC on Sunday evening.

Alex's young guns o

EASTLEIGH next weekend travel to a club famous throughout British football for producing their own talent.

The FA Cup first round draw has sent the Spitfires to Gresty Road, home of a Crewe Alexandra side currently propping up the League One table.

Crewe played Saints in the Championship as recently as 2005/06, but are now experiencing tough times.

They have yet to win a home game this season, in league or cup, and have actually suffered six successive defeats at Gresty Road in all competitions.

Crewe's youth academy has won a massive amount of plaudits in the last 30 years, and the club have certainly churned out a conveyor belt of international standard talent.

They have produced six full England internationals since the mid 1980s – David Platt, Geoff Thomas, Rob Jones, Danny Murphy, Dean Ashton, Seth Johnson.

That is a phenomenal effort for a club which has spent most of its Football League life in the lower divisions.

Given all that, it is no surprise, therefore, that home-grown players make up the bulk of manager Steve Davis' current squad.

The team that suffered a 2-0 loss at Blackpool last weekend had a very youthful feel to it – compared to the experienced side Eastleigh boss Chris Todd could field.

This was the Crewe starting team at Blackpool, and the ages of the players.

Ben Garrett 21
Ben Nugent 22
Jon Guthrie 23
George Ray 22
Oliver Turton 22
Adam King 20
David Fox 31
Marcus Haber 26
James Jones 19
Harry Wilson 18
Brad Inman 23
Subs: Ryan Colclough 20
James Baillie 19
Chris Atkinson 23
Unused subs
Danijel Nizic (GK) 20
Callum Ainley 17
George Cooper 18

Of the painfully-young starting XI that lost at Blackpool, Garrett, Guthrie, Ray and Turton came through the club's youth ranks – as did subs Baillie, Colclough, Ainley and Cooper.

In all, eight of the 17 players were home-produced – just under 50 per cent.

How many other Football League clubs can boast such a percentage of home-grown talent?

Eastleigh have never beaten a Football League club before in a competitive game.

There is one good reason for that – they have never played a Football League club in a competitive game.

Aston Villa's Ashley Westwood, left, started his career with Crewe.

Robbie Savage made his name in the Football League with Crewe.

Next weekend's draw, therefore, provides them with a chance to create a 'giant-killing'.

In reality, though, it is Eastleigh's squad which is packed with players boasting a lot of Football League experience, and not Crewe's.

The most experienced man in the Crewe side at Blackpool was midfielder David Fox, son of ex-Stoke goalkeeper Peter.

He has made over 200 appearances in the lower divisions since failing to make the grade at Manchester United, but is out of next weekend's tie through injury.

Crewe's recent FA Cup record, meanwhile, is as poor as their home form this season.

They have suffered five first round exits in the last six season, including a 2-1 loss at non-league Tamworth in 2010/11.

On the one occasion they reached

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ut to beat Spitfires

England's Italia 90 hero David Platt started his career at Crewe.

Former Leicester midfielder Neil Lennon started his career at Crewe.

the second round, in 2012/13, they lost 1-0 at home to then League Two club Burton Albion.

Despite an abysmal last few years, The Alex are a well-known name in English football thanks to their famous academy.

Here, Danny Maiorca looks at some of the most famous players to have pulled on a red-and-white shirt.

David Platt – Midfielder
Platt played for Crewe between 1985 and 1988, making 134 appearances and scoring 56 goals.

He later played for Aston Villa, Juventus and Arsenal, scoring 27 goals for England in only 62 games.

Danny Murphy – Midfielder
The tenacious Murphy enjoyed a successful career in the top-flight, which saw him feature 170 times for Liverpool and win the League Cup, Community Shield, UEFA Super Cup, FA Cup and UEFA Cup.

He played 132 times for Crewe between 1993 and 1997 and was part of their side who won the 1997 third tier play-off final against Brentford.

Seth Johnson – Midfielder
After 91 appearances for Alexandra between 1996 and 1999, Johnson moved to Derby for £2.5 million before a spell at Leeds United.

Dean Ashton – Striker
Ashton starred for both Crewe and Norwich City following his £3 million move.

That prompted Premier League side West Ham to move for him in January 2006, but after featuring in the second half of the 2005/06 season he missed the entire following campaign after suffering a broken ankle on duty with England.

He won his only cap against Trinidad and Tobago in 2008, but was forced to retire at the age of 26 a year later after failing to recover fully from the injury sustained when training with his national team.

Geoff Thomas – Midfielder
Thomas played over 100 times for the Alex in the mid-late 1980s, before signing for Crystal Palace where he was involved in almost 200 league games.

After spells at Wolves, Nottingham Forest, Barnsley and Notts County, Thomas returned to The Alex but after a year in retirement announced that he was battling leukaemia.

Having since recovered, he has released the *Riding Through The Storm* autobiography and raised over £2 million for the Cure Leukaemia charity.

Rob Jones – defender
In four years at Gresty Road, the Wrexham-born defender featured 75 times before spending the bulk of his career at Liverpool.

The right back was a part of the Reds' 1992 FA Cup-winning side and 1995 League Cup champions, featuring 185 times in the league for the Merseyside outfit.

Ashley Westwood – Midfielder
Westwood made his senior debut for Crewe as a teenager and missed just five games as Crewe secured promotion to League One via the play-offs in 2012.

Aston Villa signed him for £2m the following season.

Robbie Savage – Midfielder
Savage made his senior bow with Crewe, before joining Leicester City after three years in 1997.

Neil Lennon – Midfielder
The Northern Irishman's illustrious playing career began with The Alex in 1990, where he spent six years before enjoying a hugely successful spell for Leicester between 1996 and 2000 which provided two League Cups.

Crewe suffer two injuries before cup

EASTLEIGH'S upcoming FA Cup opponents Crewe Alexandra have suffered two major injury setbacks ahead of next Saturday's first round showdown at Gresty Road.

Alex duo David Fox and Brad Inman fell foul of what manager Steve Davis branded "disgraceful tackles" in last Saturday's miserable 2-0 SkyBet League One defeat at recently relegated Blackpool.

Midfielder Fox – son of former Stoke City goalkeeper Peter – is out for six weeks after cracking two vertebrates in his back.

And Australian-born forward Inman was on crutches this week, awaiting the results of an X-ray on his foot after falling foul of a two-footed lunge.

The pair join captain Harry Davies (knee) on the sidelines, while midfielder Billy Bingham has been out since August with hamstring trouble.

Davis, who was intending to send a DVD of the incidents to relevant authorities, said: "We need more protection from the referees, the tackles were horrific and should have been punished more."

Given their struggles at the foot of League One, you wouldn't imagine that Davis would be relishing an FA Cup visit from an Eastleigh side who are flying away from home under new manager

Eastleigh boss Chris Todd

Chris Todd.

The Spitfires have recently beaten former Football League duo Wrexham and Tranmere Rovers on their National League travels and taken a point at Cheltenham who are fresh down from League Two.

Last Saturday Todd's men underlined their away-day strength with a 2-1 win at Bromley in the fourth qualifying round – Yemi Odubade and Jai Reason firing them through.

Davis – a former Crewe, Burnley, Barnsley and Oxford United defender – is aware of Eastleigh's threat but believes it's a match his young side should relish.

"It's a good draw and one we can look forward to," he said.

"There is always something special about the FA Cup and it is nice to be at home.

"Eastleigh are doing well and have some experienced players, so it's going to be a test for us.

"We want to progress and get a bit of a run going for us and the fans.

"We'll prepare like we would for any game."

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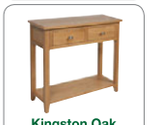

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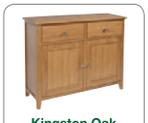

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FA Women's Premier League SW Div 1

Southampton Saints 2 Shanklin 1

SAINTS sentenced Shanklin to a seventh straight defeat with a 2-1 victory at the Silverlake Arena.

The visitors looked to be on course for their first win of the season when Shannon Kilcullen put them ahead with just over five minutes to go.

Jess Lewry equalised instantly after a one-two, before providing the winner for Aimee Burridge.

The three points moves Southampton up to fifth and keeps their play-off hopes alive, while their opponents have still not registered a point.

Saints Reserves1 Cardiff City Reserves 3

FA WPL Reserves Cup 2nd round

SAINTS' Reserves were dumped out of the FA WPL Reserves Cup.

Playing with outfielder Megan Chapman in goal, the home side went 1-0 down shortly after half-time thanks to Zoe Atkins' close-range effort, before Elle Pearce levelled from a corner.

The Midland Division leaders re-established their advantage when a clearance came off Isabel Glover to nestle in the net, before Stephanie Venn made the game safe in the fifth minute of injury time to ensure her side avoided an upset.

Hampshire Women's League

Alton United 2 Winchester 2

WINCHESTER moved up to second in Division One after coming away from Alton United with a 2-2 draw.

Despite leading 2-0 at the break through Agombar and Snelling, the visitors swere forced to settle for a stalemate when Fox and Johnson brought the score level.

AFC Stoneham were thumped 6-1 by BTC to drop to the bottom of the table on goal difference.

A Lucia White brace helped Bournemouth Sports beat Southampton Women's FC 3-2 in Division 2.

In the same league, QK Southampton lost 2-0 to Kingsclere.

Lovelock and Ducket moved the North Hampshire outfit up to joint-second.

Four goals from Rosie Eden put table toppers AFC Bournemouth on their way to a 6-3 win at Sholing.

Harris and Charmichael added two more for the visitors, while Robin Agius, Emily Moore and Brooke Veal-Weaver replied.

Amelia Cutler's five strikes helped Winchester thrash Ascot United 10-1 in the Southern Region League Cup, while Team Solent lost 7-1 at Milton Keynes City.

The only league game of the day saw Chesham United leapfrog Tower Hill into top spot with a 8-1 winover Andover New Street Ladies.

Saints U14s 6 St Francis Rangers U15s 3

SAINTS' U14 side continued to top the higher age group division thanks to this win, *writes Shelley King*.

Kia Anteney put the Saints ahead after just four minutes, before Jennifer King's cool finish doubled the lead. Beth Turner increased their advantage with a header, before substitute Jenman made it 4-0.

St Francis pulled one back after sloppy play at the back, but Imogen Twigt quickly restored the four-goal cushion.

A sublime lob finish made it 5-2, before Froma Turner set up the prolific Anteney for her second.

St Francis netted again but Saints held out to maintain their 100 per cent start.

The only other game in the Winchester and District U15 League saw Portsmouth lose 4-1 at Crofton. Evie Capocci replied.

Carla Perkins and Jess Lewry, right, celebrate a goal.

Southampton Saints U14s.

Saints skipper Krysal Whyte with mascots.

Different landscape back in 91

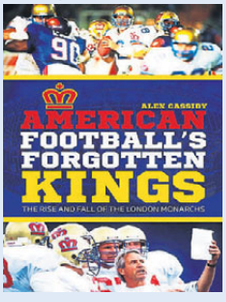
American Football's Forgotten Kings by Alex Cassidy

Sports book of the month price (hardcover): £12.08

IT might surprise all but the gridiron diehard to recall a time when London action did not mean such raucous stuff as the recent showpiece between New York Jets and Miami Dolphins in front of a sell-out 83,986 Wembley crowd.

This is indisputably the future of American Football in Britain – importing massive regular season NFL matches, with Buffalo Bills v Jacksonville Jaguars and Detroit Lions v Kansas City Chiefs following this winter.

How different the sporting landscape looked in 1991.



The subtitle of this well-researched work gives the game away – *The Rise and Fall of the London Monarchs*.

They came, they saw, they failed to conquer the hearts, minds and wallets of the local sporting public in sufficient numbers before being shipped off to Germany, re-franchised as Berlin Thunder.

It all started so brightly, crowds averaging 40,000 at Wembley. Then the novelty wore off – even with the addition of William 'The Refrigerator' Perry.

Lovers of the sport craving New York Giants v Miami Dolphins were not going to be turned on for long by the Monarchs entertaining Scottish Claymores.

So began a slow decline, Monarchs becoming nomads as they decamped to White Hart Lane, Stamford Bridge, Bristol City's Ashton Gate and even a couple of athletics stadiums.

When the axe fell in 1998, average home gates had collapsed to under 6,000. Yet if the Monarchs failed, it was a glorious failure in several ways.

British supporters clearly have a lasting appetite for the sport, though, as witnessed by a combined guaranteed audience of over 240,000 for this winter's three Wembley match-ups.

City of Southampton Sunday League

Waterside march on trophy after 11-0 Mottisfont maul

AFC WATERSIDE continued their free-scoring start to the season and produced the biggest win in the first round of the DR Ryder Trophy – hammering Mottisfont 11-0.

A hat-trick from Wayne Atkins put the home side on the way, while Michael Baker (2), Nathan Gray, Damien Craven, Matty Minihan, Sam Colmer, Josh Munro and Shane Lamb also netted, *writes DANNY MAIORCA*.

AFC Riverside caned Junior Division Three strugglers Whitehart United 9-0.

Lee Portman led the rout with four goals, while Tom Sage helped himself to a brace.

Two own goals summed up Whitehart's dismal day, and Tom Jenkins completed the rout.

An entertaining game at Curbridge saw the home side win 4-2 on penalties after a 4-4 draw with AFC Dorchester.

No goals were scored in extra time with Karl Littleboy, Callum Foote, Daniel Mitchelmore and Ashley York netting the hosts' four in normal time.

Aaron Hoskins (2), John Smith and Brad Dalton scored for the away side.

The same score at Test Valley Spartans saw them lose by the same margin in a penalty shoot-out against Bishops.

Shane Stickland bagged two for the hosts with Craig Kingshott and Josh Sharpe the other scorers.

However, but the Spartans – bottom of Division One – were knocked out on spot-kicks.

Bitterne Ducks are also through to the second round after beating Abshot 5-2 at home.

Despite Rich Bampton and Callum Wookey scoring for the visitors, they lost to goals from Toby Withey (2), Zaine Rashid, Wayne O'Dell and Jarid Hixon.

Louis Lemessieur struck twice as Chamberlyne Athletic triumphed 6-1 over fellow First Division side CDA.

Joe Connery, Lee Osborne, Marc Stepien and Nicky Simpkins also scored, with Rob Elder replying.

A trio of braces from Ryan Fuller, Callum Drake and Luke Fowler helped Ice Sports on their way to a 7-1 win at Division Three Durley.

Ashley Whitcombe scored the other for the Second Division high-fliers, while Mike Church replied.

Portside were on the receiving end of the same score at home to FC Velmore, who won thanks to goals from Lee Farrant-Poole (2), Craig Harper, Martin Walter, an own goal, Ryan Farrant and Iain Attrill.

Lokomotiv Eastleigh netted through Dipesh Joshi and AJ Gurung in a 2-1 win at Second Division strugglers Eastpoint.

In the Premier Division of the City of Southampton Sunday League, the closely-fought title race continued in the same nature with third-placed AFC West End putting nine past second-bottom Landguard Rovers.

Craig Harding, Mason Baptiste and Lewis Mitchell all scored twice, with Tom Tuckey and Scott Fenner also netting.

KRL remain three points above West End in second, beating fourth-placed Hamble Roll Call 3-2.

Two goals from Ash Lovett could not produce a point for Hamble, who came away empty handed after Sam White, Ben Boyce and Mike Saunders scored.

Sholing United remain top of the division but had their lead cut to a point after a 1-1 draw at Titans.

Luke Watts rescued a draw for Sholing in the second half, who had fallen behind to Sam Bessant's first-half finish.

Itchen Saints took their goal difference up to +41 after just eight games with another hammering – this time battering bottom side Sky Blues 16-1.

A magnificent seven from Aiden Johnson with two from Liam Collymore, Lee Bore and Tony Sullivan helped put the nine-man visitors to the sword. Brian Lambert, AJ Cashmore and Dave Goble also found the net for the rampant Saints.

They remain 10 points clear of Cricketers Arms, who secured a 1-0 victory at home to Bitterne RBL thanks to a goal from Joe Moore.

Yacht Tavern dropped to third with a surprise 3-2 defeat at Testlands, Jordan Freeman and Jason Munday replying.

Nat Newman, Luke Newman and Aaron Todd were the match winners for the home side.

RS Nomansland picked up a vital 4-2 win at Boyatt Wood Wanderers thanks to goals from Niall Henderson, Ben Dawkins, Scott Roberts and Steve Angel.

Warren Applegate and Craig Phillips were the hosts' goal scorers, who went into half-time level at 2-2.

Four-goal striker Lee Portman.

Gap at top closed to six points

THE only game in Division Two of the City of Southampton Sunday League saw AFC Southbrook close the gap on Ice Sports at the top to six points.

They caned Aldermoor 6-2 with goals from Ryan Longhurst (2), Ian Hunt, Pete Burgess and Dan McNaughton. Jake Barnard twice replied.

Royale Marine remain without a win after King George beat them 2-1 thanks to Paul Abrahams and an own goal.

Gift Ngubane replied.

Division Four Portswood ended their 8-1 defeat against Lyndhurst with nine men due to injuries.

Adam Brett and Ben Bartram both netted twice with Tom Huggett, Craig Stickland, Nick Malcolm and Ali Pugi also on target. Matt White replied.

Leaders Hunters Inn beat Forest Home 3-1 thanks to Ash McGimpsey (2) and Sam Jacobs. Mike Switzer replied.

Sholing Monks' dismal season carried on with a 5-0 loss at Fawley R.B.L. Reserves, due to goals from Alex Waterman (3), Neil Darby and Dan Powell.

Burridge prop up the table following a 4-0 loss at Otter Sunday, goals coming from Andy McChrystal, Mark Griffin, Mike Phillips and Lewis Turnball.

Itchen Hawks' poor campaign in Division Five continued with a 6-1 hammering at J.S.C. Nick White (3), Liam Muggeridge, Josh Coward and Jamie Butler scored.

Portswood Reserves kept up the pressure on the leaders with a 10-1 romp at struggling Sporting Compass.

Jerome O'Brien (4) and Cameron Roach (2) led the rout with two own goals and Braiden Hamilton and Alex Butler completing the rout.

St. Minions crashed 13-0 at home to AFC Spitfire due to goals from Matt Coulthard (4), David Wrezel (4), James Guppy, Joey Harkett-Burgess, Gary Smith and Martin Wilson.

Abbotswood are also joint-bottom, losing 3-0 at leaders Unity with Safdar Khan, Andrew McKellar and Mo Majid providing the firepower.

Nursling kept hot on the heels of the Division Six leaders, with two Wade Wilson goals putting them on the way to a 3-0 home win against AFC Hedge End Town.

Callum Skipp got the other.

Winsor are six points clear of Nursling, with a double each from Liam Dwyer and Marcus Buchan helping them win 5-3 against ChamberlAyne Reserves.

Mitch Turley's treble was not enough for the visitors.

Bishop Waltham Dynamos beat Riverside Rangers 3-1 with goals from Jack Bennett, Ali Smith and Ralph Stansfield. Barry Sherry replied.

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SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays Premier League

Chelsea 1 — **Liverpool** 3
Ramires 4
Coutinho 45,74
Benteke 83
HT 1-1 Att 41,577

Crystal P 0 — **Man Utd** 0
HT 0-0

Man City 2 — **Norwich** 1
Otamendi 67
Toure 89 pen
Jerome 83
HT 0-0 Att 53,418

Newcastle 0 — **Stoke** 0
HT 0-0 Att 47,139

Swansea 0 — **Arsenal** 3
Giroud 49
Koscielny 68
Campbell 73
HT 0-0 Att 20,937

Watford 2 — **West Ham** 0
Ighalo 39,48
HT 1-0

W.B.A. 2 — **Leicester** 3
Rondon 30
Lambert 84 pen
Mahrez 57,64
Vardy 77
HT 1-0

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	11	5	0	1	19	5	3	1	1	7	4	25
Arsenal	11	3	1	1	7	3	5	0	1	14	5	25
Leicester	11	3	1	1	11	10	3	3	0	12	9	22
Man Utd	11	3	2	0	7	1	3	1	2	8	7	21
West Ham	11	2	1	2	10	9	4	1	1	12	6	20
Tottenham	10	2	3	0	7	3	2	2	1	9	5	17
Liverpool	11	2	2	1	6	7	2	3	1	6	5	17
Crystal P	11	2	1	3	6	7	3	0	2	6	4	16
Watford	11	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	1	7	6	16
SAINTS	**10**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**10**	**9**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**6**	**4**	**14**
W.B.A.	11	1	1	4	7	12	3	1	1	3	2	14
Everton	10	1	2	2	6	9	2	2	1	7	4	13
Swansea	11	2	2	2	6	7	1	2	2	6	8	13
Stoke	11	1	1	3	4	7	2	3	1	5	5	13
Chelsea	11	2	1	3	9	10	1	1	3	7	12	11
Norwich	11	1	1	3	6	8	1	2	3	9	15	9
CHERRIES	**10**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**8**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**7**	**14**	**8**
Newcastle	11	1	3	2	11	9	0	1	4	1	13	7
Sunderlnd	10	1	2	2	7	7	0	1	4	4	12	6
A. Villa	10	0	1	4	3	7	1	0	4	6	10	4

SkyBet Championship

Birminghm 0 — **Wolves** 2
Edwards 11
Ojo 84
HT 0-1 Att 18,946

Bristol C 1 — **Fulham** 4
Kodjia 90
Dembele 2,18
McCormack 33
Tunnicliffe 36
HT 0-4 Att 15,752

Burnley 2 — **Huddersfld** 1
Gray 12 pen,43
Duff 88 og
HT 2-0 Att 16,749

Derby Cty 3 — **Rotherham** 0
Weimann 7
Butterfield 45
Keogh 76
HT 2-0 Att 30,172

Ipswich 0 — **Cardiff** 0
HT 0-0 Att 17,169

Middlesbro 3 — **Charlton** 0
Nugent 60
Adomah 66
Ayala 78
HT 0-0 Att 20,943

M K Dons 0 — **Hull** 2
Elmohamady 19
Diame 90
HT 0-1 Att 15,360

Preston L — **Bolton** L
HT L-L

Reading 1 — **Brighton** 1
Vydra 78
Murphy 51
HT 0-0 Att 21,244

Sheff Wed 1 — **Nottm For** 0
Forestieri 68
HT 0-0 Att 22,465

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brighton	14	5	2	0	8	3	3	4	0	11	8	30
Hull	14	5	2	0	13	3	3	2	2	8	5	28
Burnley	14	5	1	1	13	7	3	3	1	7	6	28
Middlesbro	14	5	1	1	14	2	3	2	2	9	7	27
Derby Cty	14	3	3	1	12	6	4	3	0	9	4	27
Birminghm	14	3	1	3	9	10	4	2	1	10	5	24
Reading	14	3	3	1	9	3	3	2	2	12	10	23
Sheff Wed	14	4	2	1	12	8	2	3	2	7	8	23
Cardiff	14	4	2	1	8	4	1	5	1	7	7	22
Fulham	14	3	2	2	13	10	2	3	2	13	10	20
Brentford	14	3	1	3	9	11	3	1	3	11	9	20
Q.P.R.	14	3	3	1	16	11	2	1	4	6	12	19
Wolves	14	2	2	3	9	10	3	1	3	11	10	18
Ipswich	14	2	4	1	9	7	2	2	3	7	14	18
Blackburn	14	2	3	2	7	4	1	3	3	7	10	15
Huddersfld	14	2	3	2	10	7	1	2	4	4	11	14
Nottm For	14	1	3	3	6	8	2	2	3	5	7	14
Leeds Utd	14	0	3	4	4	10	2	4	1	8	9	13
Preston	13	0	4	2	4	6	2	2	3	6	7	12
M K Dons	14	2	0	5	6	10	1	2	4	6	11	11
Bristol C	14	1	2	4	9	15	1	3	3	7	11	11
Charlton	14	2	2	3	8	12	0	2	5	3	12	10
Bolton	13	1	5	1	6	6	0	1	5	4	14	9
Rotherham	14	1	2	4	7	13	1	1	5	8	14	9

SkyBet League One

Bury 4 — **Blackpool** 3
Rose 2,10
Hussey 27
Soares 34
Cullen 12
Robertson 44
Redshaw 84 pen
HT 4-2 Att 5,013

Coventry L — **Peterboro** L
Vincelot 56
Armstrong 80,87
Anderson 15
Oztumer 36
HT 0-2 Att 11,853

Crewe 1 — **Sheff Utd** 0
Colclough 71
HT 0-0 Att 5,227

Doncaster 2 — **Colchester** 0
Grant 41
Williams 64
HT 1-0 Att 5,324

Fleetwood Town 0 — **Chesterfld** 1
Ebanks-Blake 30
HT 0-1 Att 3,107

Millwall 0 — **Bradford** 0
HT 0-0 Att 9,367

Oldham 0 — **Burton Albion** 1
El Khayati 17
HT 0-1 Att 3,795

Port Vale 2 — **Shrewsbry** 0
Dodds 52
O'Connor 80 pen
HT 0-0 Att 4,880

Scunthorpe 2 — **Barnsley** 0
Hopper 6
McSheffrey 41
HT 2-0 Att 4,147

Southend 2 — **Rochdale** 2
Mooney 39 pen
Leonard 41
Bunney 63
Rose 79
HT 2-0 Att 6,111

Walsall 3 — **Gillingham** 2
Morris 37
Lalkovic 38
Demetriou 90
McDonald 12
Dack 32 pen
HT 2-2 Att 6,663

Wigan 1 — **Swindon** 0
Junior 90
HT 0-0 Att 8,466

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Walsall	16	4	2	2	12	8	5	3	0	16	6	32
Burton Albion	16	5	2	1	9	4	5	0	3	7	9	32
Gillingham	16	6	2	0	20	7	3	2	3	11	11	31
Wigan	16	5	3	0	14	3	2	3	3	12	15	27
Bury	16	3	4	1	15	13	4	2	2	13	11	27
Coventry	14	4	2	0	11	4	3	2	3	11	8	25
Millwall	16	3	1	4	9	12	4	3	1	15	11	25
Sheff Utd	16	5	0	3	17	11	2	3	3	9	11	24
Scunthorpe	16	5	1	2	8	3	2	1	5	13	15	23
Chesterfld	16	2	2	4	13	15	5	0	3	9	8	23
Southend	16	4	1	3	9	9	2	4	2	8	9	23
Peterboro	15	3	2	3	18	15	3	1	3	12	9	21
Rochdale	16	4	2	2	12	8	1	4	3	8	10	21
Bradford	15	2	3	2	8	9	3	3	2	8	9	21
Port Vale	16	4	3	1	13	8	1	2	5	5	10	20
Colchester	16	3	4	1	14	11	2	1	5	11	23	20
Shrewsbry	16	3	0	5	11	10	2	2	4	8	13	17
Doncaster	16	3	4	1	10	6	1	1	6	3	16	17
Oldham	16	1	3	4	8	15	1	7	0	9	8	16
Blackpool	15	3	2	3	8	10	1	2	4	7	12	16
Fleetwood Tn	16	2	3	3	12	7	2	0	6	7	17	15
Barnsley	15	3	1	4	9	8	1	1	5	7	15	14
Swindon	16	1	2	5	11	14	2	2	4	9	13	13
Crewe	16	1	2	5	8	14	2	2	4	6	10	13

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon 2 — **Hartlepool** 0
Kennedy 18
Taylor 28
HT 2-0 Att 3,638

Barnet 2 — **Exeter** 0
Brown 34 og
Clarke 54
HT 1-0 Att 2,105

Carlisle 3 — **Yeovil** 2
Raynes 31,75
Gillespey 55
Bird 5
Cornick 8
HT 1-2 Att 4,095

Crawley 1 — **York** 0
Walton 86 pen
HT 0-0 Att 1,950

Leyton O 0 — **Acc Stanley** 1
Windass 25
HT 0-1 Att 4,701

Mansfield 0 — **Wycombe** 2
O'Nien 8
Amadi-Holloway 90
HT 0-1 Att 3,165

Newport County 2 — **Northmptn** 2
Barrow 31
John-Lewis 38
Hoskins 10
Richards 30
HT 2-2 Att 2,424

Notts Cnty 2 — **POMPEY** 1
Burke 22
Sheehan 77
Lavery 19
HT 1-1 Att 6,917

Plymouth 2 — **Morecambe** 0
Carey 3
Tanner 12
HT 2-0 Att 7,574

Stevenage 1 — **Oxford Utd** 5
Whelpdale 17
Taylor 13,72
Sercombe 27 pen
MacDonald 66
Roofe 75
HT 1-2 Att 3,412

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Plymouth	16	6	1	1	14	6	5	1	2	11	5	35
Oxford Utd	16	4	3	1	11	6	4	3	1	16	9	30
POMPEY	**16**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**11**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**12**	**7**	**28**
Acc Stanley	16	4	2	2	16	13	4	2	2	8	4	28
Northmptn	16	5	1	2	13	9	3	3	2	13	12	28
Mansfield	16	2	4	2	11	7	5	1	2	11	6	26
Leyton O	16	4	2	2	14	7	3	3	2	12	13	26
Carlisle	16	4	2	2	16	14	3	3	2	13	14	26
Wycombe	15	3	2	3	11	10	4	2	1	9	3	25
Wimbledon	16	4	1	3	12	12	3	3	2	12	11	25
Morecambe	16	3	0	5	14	15	4	2	2	17	14	23
Bristol R	15	1	1	5	5	10	6	1	1	14	8	23
Exeter	16	4	3	1	13	8	2	1	5	8	15	22
Notts Cnty	16	5	1	2	13	9	1	3	4	8	14	22
Crawley	16	3	2	3	7	9	3	1	4	12	15	21
Barnet	16	5	1	2	14	8	1	1	6	9	18	20
Cambridge	16	3	1	4	10	13	2	4	2	11	11	20
Luton	15	2	3	3	9	9	3	1	3	16	12	19
Hartlepool	16	2	2	4	8	13	3	0	5	7	11	17
Stevenage	16	3	1	4	9	14	0	4	4	10	16	14
Newport C	16	0	3	5	8	17	3	1	4	7	9	13
York	16	1	3	4	11	15	1	3	4	7	11	12
Dagenham	15	0	3	4	7	12	1	3	4	10	17	9
Yeovil	16	1	2	5	11	16	1	1	6	6	13	9

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Celtic 3 — **Aberdeen** 1
Griffiths 44,53 pen
Forrest 60
Rooney 89
HT 1-0 Att 48,161

Dundee Utd 1 — **Ross Cnty** 0
McKay 81 pen
HT 0-0 Att 5,549

Hamilton 2 — **St Johnstn** 4
Garcia Tena 81,89 pen
Cummins 40,49
Wotherspoon 63
O'Halloran 67
HT 0-1 Att 2,216

Inverness CT 1 — **Dundee** 1
Tansey 64 pen
Loy 50
HT 0-0 Att 2,940

Kilmarnock 0 — **Motherwell** 1
Moult 87
HT 0-0 Att 3,931

Partick 0 — **Hearts** 4
Delgado 38,64 pen
Sow 51,86 pen
HT 0-1 Att 4,776

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	13	6	1	0	23	4	4	1	1	11	6	32
Hearts	13	4	1	1	13	7	4	1	2	11	7	26
Aberdeen	13	4	1	1	9	7	4	0	3	10	9	25
St Johnstn	13	3	2	1	11	7	3	0	4	16	14	20
Ross Cnty	13	4	0	2	9	5	1	3	3	9	10	18
Hamilton	13	3	2	2	12	9	2	1	3	6	9	18
Dundee	13	2	2	2	10	10	2	3	2	9	12	17
Kilmarnock	13	2	1	4	7	14	2	2	2	7	8	15
Inverness CT	13	2	2	3	5	6	1	3	2	7	10	14
Motherwell	13	2	1	3	5	7	2	1	4	5	8	14
Partick	13	1	2	4	6	12	1	2	3	3	7	10
Dundee Utd	13	1	2	4	6	10	1	0	5	4	16	8

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Alloa 1 — **Queen Sth** 2
Holmes 1
Oliver 46,55
HT 1-0 Att 616

Dumbarton 1 — **Morton** 2
Barr 53
McKee 41
Johnstone 85
HT 0-1 Att 1,110

Falkirk 3 — **St Mirren** 0
Sibbald 18
Baird 43
Vaulks 76
HT 2-0 Att 4,239

Livingston 3 — **Raith** 0
White 6,64
Gallagher 61
HT 1-0 Att 957

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	11	6	0	0	17	3	5	0	0	17	3	33
Hibernian	11	4	1	0	11	3	4	0	2	8	4	25
Falkirk	12	4	1	1	7	2	3	2	1	13	8	24
Raith	12	5	0	1	11	3	2	0	4	3	12	21
Queen Sth	13	2	1	4	8	17	3	1	2	6	4	17
Morton	13	1	3	1	2	5	3	1	4	10	10	16
Livingston	12	1	0	5	6	9	2	1	3	9	10	10
St Mirren	12	0	2	4	6	10	2	2	2	5	7	10
Dumbarton	12	2	0	5	6	15	1	1	3	5	8	10
Alloa	12	0	1	5	3	13	1	1	4	4	11	5

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 1

Airdrieonians 1 — **Albion R** 1
Prunty 23
Love 41
HT 1-1 Att 1,156

Ayr Utd 3 — **Stranraer** 1
Crawford 15
Adams 39
Preston 83
Robertson 29
HT 2-1 Att 1,415

Cowdenbth 0 — **Dunfrmline** 0
HT 0-0 Att 2,097

Forfar 0 — **Brechin** 1
Jackson 67
HT 0-0 Att 728

Stenhsmuir 4 — **Peterhead** 3
McMenamin 43
Scotland 59,66
Millar 68
McAllister 13,31,38 pen
HT 1-3 Att 292

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ayr Utd	12	4	2	0	18	7	4	1	1	9	7	27
Dunfrmline	12	4	1	1	18	5	4	1	1	19	3	26
Albion R	12	4	0	1	10	4	2	2	3	4	10	20
Airdrieonians	12	3	1	3	7	7	2	1	2	7	7	17
Forfar	12	2	1	3	11	10	2	2	2	8	10	15
Stenhsmuir	12	4	1	2	13	14	0	2	3	7	15	15
Peterhead	12	2	3	1	11	9	1	2	3	10	9	14
Cowdenbth	12	2	3	1	8	7	1	0	5	8	21	12
Stranraer	12	1	0	5	2	13	3	0	3	7	9	12
Brechin	12	1	0	4	4	11	2	1	4	8	11	10

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 2

East Fife 0 — **Annan Athletic** 1
Weatherson 15
HT 0-1 Att 517

Elgin 2 — **Arbroath** 0
Gunn 6
Cameron 82
HT 1-0 Att 627

Montrose 4 — **Berwick** 1
Fraser 17 pen,80
Campbell 45
Webster 60
F Graham 57
HT 2-0 Att 418

Queen Park 1 — **Clyde** 1
Carter 55
Higgins 35
HT 0-1 Att 684

Stirling A 0 — **E Stirling** 0
HT 0-0 Att 618

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Annan Athletic	11	3	2	0	10	5	4	0	2	9	7	23
Montrose	11	5	0	1	14	6	1	0	4	5	9	18
East Fife	11	3	1	2	9	4	2	1	2	7	5	17
Elgin	11	4	1	0	12	2	1	1	4	6	10	17
Queen Park	11	2	1	3	9	7	3	0	2	7	6	16
Clyde	11	2	1	2	8	7	2	2	2	4	5	15
Berwick	11	3	2	1	8	7	1	1	3	6	15	15
Arbroath	11	2	0	4	6	9	2	1	2	7	7	13
Stirling A	11	1	1	3	3	6	2	2	2	6	7	12
E Stirling	11	3	0	2	8	8	0	1	5	4	16	10

Vanarama National League

Altrncham 1 — **Torquay** 1
Moult 66
Marsh 24
HT 0-1 Att 1,060

Boreham W 2 — **Gateshead** 3
B Clifford 26 pen
Vilhete 75
Mafuta 2
Johnson 11
Honeyman 77
HT 1-2 Att 344

Braintree Town 1 — **Macclesfld** 0
Szmodics 75
HT 0-0 Att 687

EASTLEIGH 2 — **FC Halifax** 1
Drury 48
Payne 70
James 15
HT 0-1 Att 1,890

Forest Grn 2 — **Chester FC** 1
Parkin 31
Marsh-Brown 33
Hannah 12
HT 2-1 Att 1,561

Guiseley 2 — **Welling U** 0
Dudley 9,43
HT 2-0 Att 653

Kiddrmnstr 1 — **Woking** 0
Murphy 87
HT 0-0 Att 1,449

Lincoln City 0 — **Bromley** 1
Emmanuel 81
HT 0-0 Att 2,550

Southport 1 — **Aldershot** 1
Foster 54
Stevenson 11
HT 0-1 Att 845

Tranmere 0 — **Dover** 1
Miller 42
HT 0-1 Att 4,486

Wrexham 4 — **Barrow** 1
Jennings 45,90
York 58,78
Symington 74
HT 1-0 Att 3,892

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forest Grn	19	7	1	2	19	9	5	1	3	14	11	38
Cheltnham	19	5	3	1	14	7	5	4	1	20	9	37
Dover	19	6	3	0	13	6	4	3	3	17	14	36
Bromley	19	6	1	2	21	8	4	2	4	18	21	33
Braintree Town	19	4	3	3	8	8	5	2	2	12	6	32
Wrexham	19	6	3	1	24	12	3	1	5	12	14	31
EASTLEIGH	**18**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**14**	**15**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**15**	**10**	**31**
Gateshead	19	3	3	3	14	15	6	1	3	14	12	31
Grimsby	19	5	3	2	25	11	2	6	1	13	8	30
Tranmere	19	5	1	4	14	9	3	5	1	14	9	30
Lincoln City	18	4	4	1	16	9	4	1	4	12	12	29
Aldershot	19	3	2	4	10	14	5	2	3	15	13	28
Macclesfld	19	5	2	2	13	8	3	0	7	12	13	26
Chester FC	19	4	3	2	13	11	3	1	6	11	19	25
Barrow	19	5	3	1	12	9	2	1	7	8	25	25
Woking	18	5	1	3	16	9	2	2	5	11	13	24
Guiseley	19	4	3	4	12	17	1	5	2	7	10	23
Welling U	19	4	3	2	13	10	2	1	7	5	13	22
Altrncham	19	4	3	3	12	15	1	2	6	6	16	20
Boreham W	19	2	1	7	11	15	2	3	4	9	11	16
Torquay	19	1	2	6	9	20	2	5	3	15	18	16
Southport	18	1	3	5	8	16	2	3	4	7	11	15
Kiddrmnstr	19	1	3	6	7	15	0	5	4	12	16	11
FC Halifax	19	1	4	4	12	21	1	0	9	10	26	10

Vanarama National Lge Sth

Bath City 2 — **Chelmsford** 0
Concord Rgs 1 — **Maidstone Utd** 2
Dartford 2 — **Hayes & Yeading** 0
Eastbourne Borough 1 — **Sutton Utd** 1
Ebbsfleet United 2 — **Wealdstone** 3
Gosport Borough 2 — **H Hempstead** 6
Havant and W 1 — **St Albans** 1
Maidenhead Utd 4 — **BASINGSTKE** 3
Tarpey 23,55,83
Wright 36
McAuley 15
Soares 44
Ray 76
HT 2-2 Att 456
Oxford C 3 — **B Stortfrd** 1
Truro City 2 — **Margate** 1
Whitehawk 0 — **Weston-S-Mare** 2

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ebbsfleet	15	4	1	2	11	8	7	1	0	15	3	35
Oxford C	14	3	5	0	15	9	5	0	1	17	3	29
Maidstone	14	4	0	3	6	5	5	1	1	8	2	28
Whitehawk	15	4	2	2	17	9	3	3	1	14	13	26
Maidenhead	14	5	2	1	14	8	3	0	3	9	9	26
Bath City	14	4	3	1	13	6	3	1	2	6	6	25
H Hempstead	15	2	1	4	9	8	4	4	0	21	11	23
Chelmsford	15	3	2	2	13	10	3	2	3	9	11	22
Sutton Utd	14	2	3	1	12	10	3	3	2	11	8	21
Gosport B	15	2	3	3	12	14	3	3	1	10	5	21
Dartford	15	3	2	3	11	10	3	1	3	9	8	21
Truro City	15	4	1	3	11	13	1	5	1	7	8	21
B Stortfrd	15	2	1	4	8	9	4	1	3	10	12	20
Eastbourne B	14	2	3	3	5	8	3	1	2	10	9	19
Wealdstone	13	2	1	3	7	7	2	3	2	9	11	16
Hayes & Y	15	1	3	2	6	6	2	2	5	8	16	14
Concord Rgs	15	2	0	6	10	17	2	2	3	11	14	14
Havant and W	14	3	1	4	13	13	0	2	4	2	14	12
Margate	14	0	2	4	1	8	2	3	3	11	11	11
W-S-Mare	14	0	2	4	6	15	3	0	5	8	13	11
St Albans	14	1	2	3	7	9	1	2	5	3	13	10
BASINGSTKE	**15**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**8**	**13**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**7**	**15**	**9**

POOLS CHECK

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